

## News Release

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## THE ENERGY PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THEME, AGENDA & SPEAKERS FOR 2012 HOUSTON CONFERENCE

**HOUSTON – Nov. 20, 2012** – [The Energy Professionals Association](#) (TEPA) announced today the theme, agenda and speakers for its annual conference, scheduled Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at the Omni Houston Hotel. The conference theme will be *Competitive Energy Markets: Applying Texas-sized Experience at the National Level* and will focus on the first decade of electricity deregulation in Texas, as well as creating a national platform for the organization to extend beyond the State of Texas.

“This is a significant year because we plan to review the first ten years of deregulation since it was introduced across much of Texas,” said [Paul Ward](#), president of TEPA. “This milestone gives us an excellent opportunity to explore how deregulation has been an effective way to maintain fair market costs for business and residential consumers across the state. We’ll also look at our organization and discuss how we plan to extend our support to other states who offer electricity choice through deregulation.”

The 2012 TEPA Conference will include the following speakers and topics:

8:45 AM

REP | ABC Panel: *Yin & Yang - How to Best Deliver the Benefits of Competitive Choice to Consumers Through ABCs and Retailers*

- Moderator: David Roylance, Prism Energy Solutions
- David Booty: Pres., Power Brokers, LLC
- Paul Keene: V.P. & G.M., Mid-Markets, Reliant
- Rich Rathvon: V.P. Retail Commodity Services, ConEdison *Solutions*
- Mikel Smith: Managing Dir. Retail, ENCOA
- Michael Sullivan: Sr. V.P. and COO, Champion Energy

9:45 AM

*West Zone Congestion Update*

James Brazell: Attorney, Law Office of James Z. Brazell

10:30 AM

Keynote Presentation: *Power - At the Dawn of Innovation*

Paul Hudson: Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Stratus Energy Group

12:45 PM

*A Status Report on Restructuring and Channel Partner Markets*

Ritchie Priddy: Sr. Consultant, Retail Energy Markets, DMV KEMA Energy & Sustainability

1:30 PM

*Generation Resource Adequacy*

- Brian Lloyd: Exec. Dir., Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Joel Mickey: Dir. of Grid Operations, ERCOT

2:45 PM

Generation Panel: *ERCOT's Generation Outlook - Resource Adequacy?*

- Moderator: Dan Montgomery Jr., Tradition Energy
- Matt Adams: Pres., MP2 Energy
- Addison Armstrong: Sr. Dir. of Market Research, Tradition Energy
- Brian Lloyd: Exec. Dir., Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Joel Mickey: Dir. of Grid Operations, ERCOT
- John Orr: Dir., State Government Affairs - South, Constellation

3:45 PM

*Taking TEPA to a National Level*

- Moderator: Michael Harris, Unified Energy
- Ed Compton: Dir. of Commercial Sales, WGES
- Matt Garrison: Founder, EnergyMe
- Todd Hillman: Exec. Dir., MISO
- Glenn Weiss: Client Mgr., Sr. Knowledge Mgmt., Engineer, PJM

The 2012 conference will feature two days of exciting social events in addition to hosting some of the industry's most dynamic speakers. Registration is \$225 per person. Those interested in attending can register online by clicking this [link](#). More information about the 2012 annual TEPA Conference can be found at [www.TEPATexas.org](http://www.TEPATexas.org).

**About The Energy Professionals Association**

The Energy Professionals Association (TEPA) is a 501 (c)(6) organization that establishes a standardized code of conduct, serves as an educational resource and advocates legislative initiatives for the Texas deregulated energy market. TEPA members include Aggregators, Brokers, and Consultants (ABCs), Retail Electricity Providers (REPs) and affiliate members. TEPA members exhibit expertise, ethical practices and a high level of professionalism to help consumers buy electricity in the restructured Texas marketplace. For more information contact Aaron Cook at [ACook@TPRM.com](mailto:ACook@TPRM.com), [www.TPRM.com](http://www.TPRM.com), or call (214) 520-3430, ext. 302. Follow TEPA on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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