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John Conti

Acting Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration

John Conti was appointed Deputy Administrator and named Acting Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) on September 1, 2017. As the second-in-command at EIA and the agency's top career official, Mr. Conti is involved in all aspects of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating independent and impartial energy information to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment. He works closely with the Administrator to provide overall leadership, planning, and direction for the agency. Previously, Mr. Conti was the Assistant Administrator for Energy Analysis and analyzed energy supply, demand, and prices including the impact of financial markets on energy markets; prepared reports on current and future energy use; analyzed the impact of energy policies; and developed advanced techniques for conducting energy information analyses. John also managed the planning and execution of EIA's analysis and forecasting programs to ensure that EIA models, analyses, and projections met the highest standards of relevance, reliability, and timeliness. Mr. Conti has an M.S. in management and policy sciences and a B.A. in economics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mike Halpert

Deputy Director, Climate Prediction Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Mike Halpert is the Deputy Director of the Climate Prediction Center (CPC). In this capacity, he provides support to the director ensuring the day-to-day operations of the CPC. Mr. Halpert leads efforts to communicate CPC's goals and vision to customers, stakeholders, the media and the public, serving as CPC's point of contact for National Weather Service Public Affairs. He also serves as CPC's property custodian and works to ensure the successful execution of budget priorities, and is also a member of the El Niño/Southern Oscillation and seasonal forecast teams. He led CPC's real-time climate monitoring efforts throughout much of the 1990s and their forecast operations between 2002 and 2007. Mr. Halpert received his Bachelor of Science in Meteorology from Cook College, Rutgers University, and his Master of Science in Atmospheric Science from the University of Michigan. He began his career at CPC as a summer student in 1981.

Tim Hess**Product Manager, Short-Term Energy Outlook, U.S. Energy Information Administration**

Tim Hess is the product manager for the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook, a position he's held since November 2014. He joined EIA in 2010 as a Petroleum Markets Analyst. In this role, he spent four years covering oil market trends and was a contributing author to EIA's This Week in Petroleum publication. Prior to joining EIA, he worked at Baltimore Gas and Electric.

Eric Lee**Senior Energy Analyst, Citi Commodities Research**

Eric Lee is a senior energy analyst on Citi's Commodities Research team in New York, where he conducts research on global energy markets and generates Citi's house views on oil prices. Mr. Lee writes research reports, gives presentations and advises clients on global oil supply and demand fundamentals, commodity investing and hedging, the political economy of energy and natural resources, the 'shale revolution' and challenges to OPEC, the outlook for renewable energy, the water sector, and more. Clients include institutional investors, hedge funds, sovereign wealth funds, private bank clients, oil and gas producers, airlines, shippers, refiners, petrochemical companies and other corporate clients, as well as clients involved in banking deals with commodities exposure, in locations ranging from Abu Dhabi to China and Colombia to Kazakhstan. Mr. Lee has advised government agencies, think tanks and NGOs, and regularly contributes to media including the Financial Times, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Bloomberg and CNBC.

David Terry**Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials**

David Terry is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials and has worked with NASEO in a variety of capacities since 1996. Mr. Terry leads NASEO's programs in support of the nation's 56 State and Territory Energy Offices. The organization communicates the states' views on virtually all national energy issues, including electricity policy, energy efficiency market transformation, renewable energy commercialization and deployment, industrial energy efficiency, energy assurance and reliability, building codes and efficiency, and climate oriented energy programs.

Mr. Terry has 20 years of experience working on a range of energy issues for such organizations as the Association of State Energy Research Institutions, Governors' Biofuels Coalition, National Academy of Sciences, and the U.S. Department of Energy. Prior to working in the energy area, Mr. Terry was a statistical analyst for a market research firm, an analyst with the National Academy of Sciences, and a researcher for The Washington Post. He received a BA degree from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and he has completed graduate coursework in statistics and marketing at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.