


# The National Commission On Energy Policy

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## NASEO

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# Why a Commission?

- Growing Energy Challenges:
  - National Security, Environment, Economy

- Entrenched Policy Challenges.

Issue Complexity

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Mismatch Between Global & Election Cycles

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Distinct Regional Interests

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Powerful Private Interests

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Defined Partisan Interests

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Energy Mythology

= rough sledding



# Successful Commissions

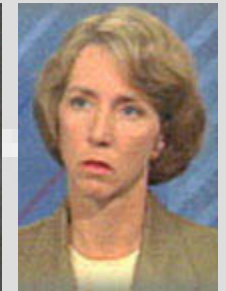
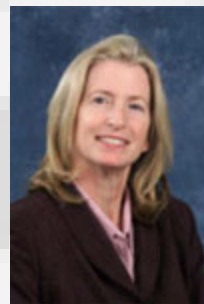
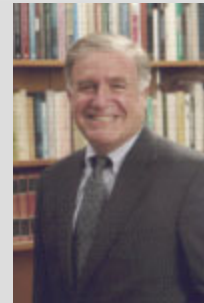
- Presidential
  - Kerner Commission 1967
    - “The Nation is moving towards two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal.”*
- Congressional
  - Stratton Commission 1966
    - Led to creation of NOAA*
- Independent (i.e. Who asked you Commission?)
  - Ford Foundation Energy Policy Project 1974



# Commission Design

- Bi-Partisan group of 18 experts from academia, government, industry, labor, consumer protection and environment.
- Developing long-term strategy of Near-term measures. Final Report January 2005.
- Philanthropic. Hewlett, Pew, MacArthur Packard and Energy Foundations.
- Seek to combine academic credibility and political immediacy.

# Commissioners





# Commissioners

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Group Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Ford Motor Company



# Research & Analysis

## Completed Studies

- Reviving the Electricity Sector
- Increasing Natural Gas Supplies

## Studies Underway

30+ Studies Underway in 3 Topic Areas:

- National Security
- Climate Change
- Technology Policy



## **National Security / Oil-Related Energy Security**

- U.S. Vulnerability to Oil Price Shocks
- Military and Diplomatic Consequences & Links to Terrorist Organizations
- The Role of Biomass in our Energy Future
- Energy Savings in the Freight Sector
- Assessment of International Vehicle Fuel Economy Policies
- Vehicle Manufacturer Incentives



## *Environment / Climate Change*

- Carbon Budgets of Existing and New Capital Stock
- Near-Term Measures to Accelerate Low Carbon Technologies
- Retrospective Assessment of Energy Efficiency Policies
- Setting GHG Emission Goals
- Frameworks For International Action



## **Technology Policy / R & D**

- Historical Assessment of R&D Policies
- Rationale for Energy R&D expenditures
- Funding Mechanisms and Institutions
- Technology Roadmaps
- Financing Advanced Coal/Sequestration
- Pathways to Hydrogen



# *Natural Gas*

- Economic Assessment of the AGP
- Natural Gas Consumption in the Industrial and Electric Power Sectors
- Implications of Increased LNG Reliance
- Balancing Energy Production and Competing Interests on Public Lands



# Growing Consensus

By 2020, the world needs to:

- a) Use the energy we have more efficiently
- b) Find New Sources of Energy
- c) Reduce Emissions
- d) All of the Above

Exxon/Mobil Advertisement  
*New York Times* 11/4/03



# State Recommendations

- NCEP is interested in working with NASEO members to develop state-focused policy recommendations:
  - Supporting/expanding states' role in technology deployment;
  - Opportunities to replicate successful state efforts at the federal level;
  - Encouraging federal leadership while protecting state prerogatives.



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