

Influencing Energy Policy in the Next Administration

A Workshop in Public Affairs and Lobbying

April 28, 2008

**C.T.Bauer College of Business
334 Melcher Hall, 3rd floor, Room 365B**

Daytime Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topics</u>
9:30 a.m.	S.V. Arbogast <i>UH GEMI</i>	Welcome and Program Introduction
9:45	Jim Rouse <i>Retired Vice President and Washington Office head ExxonMobil Corporation</i>	Lobbying on Energy Policy under Democrat and Republican Administrations
11:45	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	George D. Baker <i>Partner, Williams & Jensen, PLLC</i> Jim Rouse	Energy Policy positions of the Presidential Candidates
1:30	George D. Baker	Legislative record on Energy of current Congress – What passed, what didn't, and Why
2:30		Scenarios for composition of next Congress & implications for energy legislation
3:30	Dr. Praveen Kumar <i>Executive Director, GEMI</i>	Concluding remarks

Evening Program

6:00 p.m.	Cocktails	
7:00	Dinner	
8:00	The Honorable Gene Green <i>U.S. House of Representatives</i>	Legislative priorities on Energy in the next Congress
9:00 p.m.	Dean Arthur Warga <i>C.T. Bauer College of Business</i>	Closing Remarks Adjourn

Brief Speaker Biographies

Congressman Gene Green

Congressman Green represents Texas' 29th Congressional District, which includes Baytown and industry facilities along the Houston Ship Channel. He is in his 8th Term and is a member of the House Energy and Commerce and Foreign Affairs Committees. We are also please to note that Congressman Green is a UH graduate, receiving his BA in 1971.

Jim Rouse, former Vice President and head of the Washington Office, ExxonMobil Corporation

Jim Rouse headed up ExxonMobil's Washington lobbying efforts and PAC activities from 1997 to 2005. Based on his experience dealing with the Clinton and Bush administrations, and Congresses that were either divided or Republican, he will share his views on how individual firms and industry associations can be effective on energy matters under both Democratic and Republican administrations. Jim will also discuss the special lobbying environment of 'transition periods' at the inception of new presidential administrations and the differences between lobbying effectively at the federal and state levels

George Baker, Partner, Williams & Jensen

George Baker joined Williams & Jensen in 1980. His legislative and Administrative practice focuses on energy, environment, agriculture, and natural resource matters. In 1995, Mr. Baker was the Executive Director of Superfund Reform '95, the primary broad-based, national coalition working on behalf of fundamental reform of the Federal hazardous waste cleanup program known as Superfund. In addition, Mr. Baker has developed very substantial expertise in the areas Federal asset sales issues, cosmetics regulation, and commodity futures regulation related to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Professional background

Mr. Baker is recognized as an authority in Superfund and Brownfield development. Prior to his work at Williams & Jensen, he served two and one-half years as an attorney with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the U.S. Department of Energy. Over the last thirty years, Mr. Baker's broad experience has extended to issues encompassing natural gas deregulation, energy industry restructuring Superfund, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, electricity legislation, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act the Public Utility Holding Company Act, the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Act, wetlands, national wildlife refuge and park land acquisition, endangered species protection and related private property rights issues, and insurance issues arising from environmental liability and natural resources.