RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Energy and Environment Program at Aspen Institute

Travel Dates:
07/27/2026 to 07/30/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$52.00	$1,260.00	$600.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

24 AUG 2026
Date

ANNA YELVERTON
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

24 AUG 2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

From: Tanzia Hug
To: Yelverton, Anna (Schatz)
Cc: Dawn Lippert; Timothy Mason
Subject: Discussant Invitation: 50th Annual Aspen Energy Week | July 26–30, 2026
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:43:57 PM
Attachments: Outlook-Logo Desc.png

Dear Anna,

We are delighted to invite you to the 2026 Aspen Energy Week, taking place at the Aspen Meadows Resort beginning the evening of Sunday, July 26 and ending at noon on Thursday, July 30. There will also be a virtual attendance option.

This year, the forum will be co-chaired by ***Miranda Ballentine***, 4th Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations, Environment, & Energy); ***Bryan Hannegan***, President and Chief Executive Officer, Holy Cross Energy; ***Dawn Lippert***, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Elemental Impact; ***Richard Mroz***, Managing Director, Resolute Strategies, LLC; and ***Rich Powell***, Chief Executive Officer of the Clean Energy Buyers Association.

In particular, we hope you will agree to serve as a discussant for a Session on *"The Politics of Energy Affordability"* scheduled for *Tuesday, July 28 from 9am to 10:30am* Mountain Daylight Time. The session will be moderated by Dawn Lippert.

Your role as a discussant is to offer opening thoughts to stimulate conversation at the start of the session before the moderator quickly transitions to group discussion, for which we reserve the vast majority of each session time. In furtherance of the Forum's goal for maximum participant dialogue and engagement, we ask that you please plan your remarks to be about 5 minutes in length. We strongly discourage the use of slides, but please let us know if you feel slides are indispensable for your remarks.

If you intend to accept our discussant invitation, please let us know by replying to this email, preferably by Thursday, April 30 and also register here.

*If you choose to attend Aspen Energy Week in person, **your registration will include lodging at the Aspen Meadows Resort for check-in on Sunday, July 26 and check out on Thursday, July 30**, as well as all scheduled meals during the forum.*

More about Aspen Energy Week:

Since its inception in 1977, Aspen Energy Week has been a cornerstone event, fostering candid discussions, catalyzing partnerships, identifying trends, and shaping the future of the domestic energy landscape. As we mark the 50th anniversary of the forum, this year's convening offers a unique opportunity to reflect on past progress while engaging in forward-looking dialogue on the challenges and opportunities shaping the next era of the U.S. energy system. The forum brings together a diverse array of energy stakeholders from entrepreneurs and industry executives to policymakers and thought leaders, committed to advancing practical solutions.

All conversations at Aspen Energy Week are not-for-attribution. The Aspen Institute is nonpartisan and non-ideological. Please note that this invitation is intended only for you and is therefore not transferable.

You can also explore highlights and key insights from recent convenings by viewing the 2024 and 2025 Aspen Energy Week reports.

We hope you will join us in Aspen.

Best regards,
Tanzia

TANZIA M. HUQ
Program Manager, Policy
Energy & Environment Program
The Aspen Institute
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Washington, DC 20037



RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
ANNA YELVERTON

Employing Office/Committee:
SCHATZ, BRIAN

Private Sponsor(s):
Energy and Environment Program at Aspen Institute

Destination(s):
Aspen, Colorado

Travel Dates:
07/26/2026 to 07/29/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As Senator Schatz's climate advisor, I manage his climate and energy portfolios, including the development of policies related to clean energy deployment and energy affordability. The Aspen Institute invited me to speak on a panel about energy affordability and to participate in a range of conversations with energy and climate stakeholders, including on energy demand, decarbonization, energy innovation, and how the energy sector is changing. This will help inform legislation I am working on related to clean energy innovation and deployment and decarbonizing the power and industrial sectors.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

25 JUNE 2026
Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I U.S. Senator Brian Schatz
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Anna Yelverton
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☑ (signify "yes" by checking box)

25 JUNE 2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Energy and Environment Program at Aspen Institute: Anna Yelverton's Attendance to 2026 Aspen Energy Week

ANNA YELVERTON

Title:
Climate Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
SCHATZ, BRIAN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Aspen, Colorado

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Energy and Environment Program at Aspen Institute

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 700

Phone Number
(714) 215-8063

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
2300 N st. NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District of Columbia 20037 United States

Organization URL
https://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs/energy-and-environment-program/

History of Congressional Travel

The Aspen Institute often sponsors congressional travel, most frequently through the Aspen Congressional Program led by former Congressman Charlie Dent. From time to time, the Aspen Institute also sponsors congressional staff travel, as is the case here.

Educational Activities

The Aspen Institute Energy & Environment Program advances nonpartisan education and dialogue on energy, environmental, and climate issues. The Program convenes policymakers, industry leaders, academics, nonprofit organizations, investors, and other stakeholders through forums, roundtables, workshops, and public events designed to examine emerging challenges and opportunities in the energy and environmental sectors. In addition to hosting convenings, the Program develops and disseminates reports, briefing materials, and other publications that promote informed discussion and understanding of energy, environmental, and climate policy issues. The Program also facilitates consensus-building initiatives and stakeholder dialogues aimed at identifying practical solutions to complex public policy challenges related to energy and environment.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

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Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The purpose of this trip directly aligns with our organization's mission to convene diverse leaders and stakeholders to advance informed, nonpartisan dialogue on critical energy, environmental, and public policy issues. Aspen Energy Week serves as a platform for constructive engagement among policymakers, industry leaders, academics, nonprofit organizations, and innovators on topics central to the nation's economic competitiveness, energy security, infrastructure, and energy transition.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
07/27/2026 @ 06:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
07/30/2026 @ 05:30 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $52.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	N/A	$52.00

Note
roundtrip per person shuttle cost for the Forum Reception and Dinner at the Pine Creek Cookhouse on Wednesday, July 29.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,260.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
07/27/2026	07/30/2026	Aspen Meadows Resort	Aspen	Colorado	United States	3	$420.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Aspen Energy Week is held at the Aspen Meadows Resort in Aspen, Colorado, where lodging, meeting space, and food costs during the summer conference season are significantly higher than standard federal per diem rates. Holding participants at the conference venue is essential to the educational purpose and efficient operation of the program, as the forum includes early morning sessions, evening discussions, networking events, and working meals that are integrated into the agenda. The selected venue also provides the meeting facilities, security, audiovisual capabilities, and lodging capacity necessary to host a multi-day convening of national energy and policy leaders.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $600.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/27/2026	$0.00	$60.00	$150.00	$0.00	**$210.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Costs in Aspen during the summer conference season are significantly higher than standard federal per diem rates, and meal expenses reflect prevailing local market rates and conference catering requirements.

07/28/2026	$40.00	$60.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/29/2026	$40.00	$60.00	$150.00	$0.00	**$250.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Costs in Aspen during the summer conference season are significantly higher than standard federal per diem rates, and meal expenses reflect prevailing local market rates and conference catering requirements.

07/30/2026	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$40.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
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Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Anna Yelverton's Attendance to 2026 Aspen Energy Week

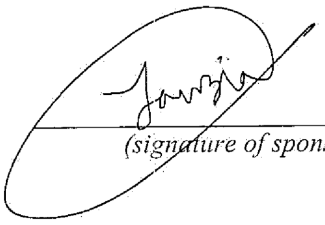
Travel Date(s): July 26-July 30, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado

Sponsor: Energy and Environment Program-The Aspen Institute

TANZIA MAHBUB HUQ — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Program Manager — *(title)*



(signature of sponsor representative)

June 15, 2026 — *(date)*

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Cina Vazir, Rapporteur

Participant List

As of July 15,2026

*virtually attending participants

1. **Nicole Alexiev**, Vice President, Science & Innovation, National Geographic Society
2. **Yesenia Alvarado Henninger**, Deputy Director of Federal Affairs, Helion
3. **Miranda Ballentine**, 4th Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment, & Energy, The United States Air Force ***(Co-Chair)***
4. **Roger Ballentine**, President, Green Strategies, Inc.
5. ***Manish Bapna**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Natural Resources Defense Council
6. **Apoorv Bhargava**, Chief Executive Officer, Weave Grid, Inc.
7. **Jeff Bladen**, Head of Energy, Verrus Data Centers
8. **Drew Bond**, Executive Chair, Conservative Coalition for Climate Solutions
9. **Bill Brown**, Chief Executive Officer, New Waters Capital
10. ***Kimberly Budil**, Laboratory Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
11. **Neil Chatterjee**, Chief of Governmental Affairs Officer, Palmetto
12. **Caroline Choi**, Executive Vice President, Public Policy & Corporate Affairs, Edison International and Southern California Edison
13. **Brandi Colander**, Chief Executive Officer, District of Columbia (DC) Green Bank
14. **Jim Connaughton**, Chief Executive Officer, JLC Strategies
15. **Jon Creyts**, Chief Executive Officer, Rocky Mountain Institute
16. **Kyle Danish**, Partner and Co-Chair, Van Ness Feldman, LLP
17. **Caroline DeWitte**, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Oklo Inc.
18. ***Tom Dower**, Vice President, Government Relations, ArcelorMittal North America
19. **Courtney Durham Shane**, Senior Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts
20. **Caitlin Durkovich**, Co-founder and Principal, Civira Partners
21. **Mason Emnett**, Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Constellation Energy Corporation
22. **Cody Finke**, Chief Executive Officer, Brimstone
23. **Xan Fishman**, Vice President, Energy, Bipartisan Policy Center
24. **Michael Fitzpatrick**, Partner, Brunswick Group
25. **Jane Flegal**, Principal, Flegal Energy Advisors
26. **Bill Flores**, Board Chair, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)
27. **Madison Freeman**, Senior Policy & Business Development Manager, Heron Power
28. **Mitch Gainer**, Director of Investments, NextEra Energy
29. **Sean Gallagher**, Senior Vice President, Policy, Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

30. **Samantha Grassle**, Senior Director, Partnerships & Policy, Elemental Impact
31. **Bryan Hannegan**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Holy Cross Energy ***(Co-Chair)***
32. **Aliya Haq**, President, Clean Economy Project
33. **Jeremy Harrell**, Chief Executive Officer, ClearPath
34. **Bruce Harris**, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Walmart
35. **Simon Herbert,** Vice President EAME, Low Carbon Solutions, ExxonMobil
36. **Charles Hernick**, Head of Energy and Environmental Policy, Amazon
37. **Rebecca Isacowitz**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Energy Resilience & Optimization, Department of War
38. ***Amy Meyers Jaffe**, Professor and Director, School of Professional Studies, New York University
39. **Sean James**, Distinguished Engineer, Nvidia
40. **Rob Jennings**, Vice President, Natural Gas Markets, American Petroleum Institute
41. ***Louis Lazzara**, Head of Research, Energy Income Partners, LLC
42. **Grant Leslie**, Operating Partner, S2G Investments
43. **Dawn Lippert**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Elemental Impact ***(Co-Chair)***
44. **John Litynski**, Program Director, Carbon Storage and Sequestration, EQT Corporation
45. **Kate Logan**, Director, China Climate Hub and Climate Diplomacy, Asia Society Policy Institute
46. **Ray Long**, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Council on Renewable Energy
47. **Megan Lorenzen**, Energy Manager, Clean Energy Standards, Meta
48. **Amory Lovins**, Sr. Precourt Scholar and Adjunct Lecturer, Stanford University
49. **Archie Manoharan**, Director, Nuclear Technologies, Microsoft
50. ***Mike Mattera**, Head of Corporate Sustainability and ESG Officer, Akamai Technologies
51. ***Bob McNally**, Founder & President, Rapidan Energy Group
52. **Gayle Miller**, Head of Strategic Investor Engagement, Brookfield Renewables
53. **David Monsma**, Director, Energy Programs, The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
54. **Richard Mroz**, Managing Director, Resolute Strategies, LLC ***(Co-Chair)***
55. **Jim Murchie**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Income Partners LLC
56. **Jason Muller**, Head of Public Policy, Equinor
57. **George Nelson**, Vice President, Power Marketing, ENGIE
58. **Tyler Norris**, Head of Market Innovation, Advanced Energy, Google
59. ***Lauren Faber O'Connor**, Partner, Lowercarbon Capital
60. **Dawn Owens**, Senior Vice President, Development & Commercial Markets, Fervo Energy
61. **Mark Peters**, Chief Executive Officer, MITRE
62. **Billy Pizer**, President and CEO, Resources for the Future (RFF)
63. **Rich Powell**, Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Energy Buyers Association ***(Co-Chair)***
64. ***Heather Reams,** Co-founder, Conservative Climate Foundation
65. **Ann Rendahl**, Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
66. **Thomas Riedl,** Head of Product, Tapestry Energy
67. **Andrea Romano**, Renewable Energy Manager, Apple
68. **Dan Schory**, Vice President of Infrastructure, Energy & Permitting, Arnold Ventures
69. **Jeff Schub**, Executive Vice President, Head of Sustainability, Wells Fargo

70. **Valerie Shen**, Program Manager, Renaissance Philanthropy
71. **Dee Siegel**, Sustainability Engagement Leader, Wells Fargo
72. ***Jonathan Silver,** Chair, Global Sustainability Platform, Apollo Global Management
73. **Jon Sohn**, Vice President, Regulatory, Government Relations & Policy, Capital Power
74. ***Marty Spitzer,** Vice President, Corporate Climate Engagement, World Wildlife Fund
75. **Suzanna Steele**, Manager, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Crusoe
76. **James Steffes**, Chief Operating Officer, American Gas Association
77. **Sarah Stewart**, Chief Executive Officer, Silverado Policy Accelerator
78. **Bryan Stockton,** Senior Director of Federal & Regulatory Affairs, Orsted
79. **Blair Swedeen,** Global Head, Net Zero and Sustainability, Meta
80. **Lee Taylor**, Chief Executive Officer, ReSurety
81. **Michael Terrell**, Head of Advanced Energy, Google
82. **Nidhi Thakar**, Senior Vice President, Policy, Corporate Energy Buyers Association
83. **Rob Threlkeld**, Director Global Energy Procurement, Reliability, and Optimization, General Motors
84. **Toby Townsend**, Associate Labs Director for the Deterrence, Science & Energy Division, Sandia National Laboratories
85. **Matt Traldi**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Greenlight America
86. ***Dave Turk**, Environment Program Director, Hewlett Foundation
87. **Christie Ulman**, President, Sequoia Climate Foundation
88. **Vijay Vaitheeswaran,** Phillip Reed Chair in Science & Technology, Senior Fellow and Director of Energy Security & Climate Change, Council on Foreign Relations
89. **Clint Vince**, Partner and Chair of US Energy Practice, Dentons
90. **John Wagner**, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory
91. **Shayne Wahlmeier**, Senior Vice President of Energy, Walmart Corporation
92. **Michael Webber**, Sid Richardson Chair in Public Affairs and John J. McKetta Centennial Energy Chair in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin
93. **Jeff Weiss**, Executive Chairman, Distributed Sun
94. **Tim Whitehead**, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance Group, Goldman Sachs
95. **Mikaela Winter**, Senior Manager, Energy Policy, Microsoft
96. ***Jahi Wise**, Executive Director, Southern Communities Initiative
97. **Michael Wu**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Converge Strategies
98. **Anna Yelverton**, Climate and Environment Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Brian Schatz, United States Senate

<u>From the Aspen Institute</u>

1. **Alexis Anderson**, Program Associate, Energy and Environment Program, The Aspen Institute
2. **Sasha Borowsky**, Chief of Staff & Senior Director, Energy and Environment Program, The Aspen Institute
3. **Greg Gershuny**, Vice President & Executive Director, Energy and Environment Program, The Aspen Institute

4. **Tanzia Huq**, Program Manager, Policy, Energy and Environment Program, The Aspen Institute
5. **Timothy Mason**, Senior Director, Policy, Energy & Environment Program, The Aspen Institute

ASPEN ENERGY WEEK

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Anna Yelverton's Itinerary

All Times Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Forum Venue: Aspen Meadows Resort, 845 Meadows Road, Aspen, CO 81611
Access Resort Map here.
**= participating virtually*

Monday, July 27, 2026

6:30AM ET– 7:46 AM CT	**Flight: UA 1793** **Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) to Chicago O'Hare (ORD)**
7:46 AM– 8:52AM CT	**Layover in Chicago O'Hare**
8:52am CT – 11:01 AM MT	**Flight: UA 5279** **Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Aspen Pitkin Airport (ASE)**
11:01am MT	**Arrivals and Shuttle pick up** **Aspen Pitkin Airport**
11:30pm MT	**Check-In** *Walter Isaacson Center, Aspen Meadows Resort*
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM MT	*(Anna will join the session soon as she arrives)* **Session 2: The New Era of Energy Demand** **Moderated by: Rich Powell** *Three years ago when America appeared aligned on the project of net zero by 2050, everyone agreed in concept on doubling or tripling the size of the US grid over 20 years. And yet, we saw no meaningful load growth in the near term. Everything has now changed, and that growth has emerged in a vengeance, not so much to electrify our economy, but rather to fuel a vast new wave of high-tech demand and industrial electrification.* *Is this a near-term aberration in the AI moment? Or, the beginning of three decades of robust electricity growth? How can we take advantage of the near-term electricity crisis to establish durable market and policy structures to enable smooth growth while maintaining affordability and reliability and driving down carbon emissions? And, how does the new turmoil in global hydrocarbon markets play into US domestic electricity demand (if at all)?*
12:15 – 1:45 PM MT	**Lunch** *Davis Commons, Aspen Meadows Resort*
1:45 – 3:15 PM MT	**Session 3: Energy Security in a Multipolar World** **Moderated by: Miranda Ballentine** *The concept of energy security has shifted fundamentally in two decades. The defining question used to be whether the U.S. could secure enough oil from elsewhere. Today, the U.S. is a net exporter, LNG cargoes leave the Gulf Coast for European and Asian markets daily, and the new vulnerabilities run through clean energy supply chains, critical minerals, and the technologies of the next phase of competition. Security has become less about scarcity and more about control, resilience, and strategic leverage in a world fragmenting along new lines.*

What responsibilities come with being one of the world's largest energy suppliers? Where is the line between operating in global markets and using energy as an instrument of policy? What does it look like for the U.S. to project energy strength without undercutting domestic priorities, global stability, or its alliances?

3:15 – 4:00 PM MT **Break**

4:00 – 5:00 PM MT **Discussant Prep Meeting for next day session on The Politics of Energy Affordability**

Anna Yelverton, a discussant on the session, will meet with fellow discussants and the moderator to prepare remarks ahead of the following day's session on The Politics of Energy Affordability. The group will align on key themes, questions, and flow for the discussion.

5:00 – 6:00 PM MT **Strategic Connections Engagement**

Participants will pair with relevant sector partners for focused conversations, allowing attendees to explore specific areas of collaboration identified during the day's sessions.

6:30 – 9:30 PM MT **Forum Reception and Dinner**
Madeline Albright Pavilion, Aspen Meadows Resort

9:30-12:00 AM MT **Optional Karaoke**
Open Bar
Madeline Albright Pavilion, Walter Isaacson Center, Aspen Meadows Resort

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

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McNulty Ballroom, Doerr-Hosier Center, Aspen Meadows Resort - Breakout Session 4A and 5A
Lauder Room, Koch Seminar Building, Aspen Meadows Resort - Breakout Session 4B and 5B

7:30 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast**
Davis Commons, Aspen Meadows Resort

9:00 – 10:30 AM **Breakout Session 4A: The Politics of Energy Affordability**
Moderated by: Dawn Lippert

Electricity affordability has become a political problem in a way it has not been in a generation. Rates are rising across most of the country, the volatility is showing up on every monthly bill, and voters are noticing. The political response is moving faster than the technical conversation about what is actually driving the cost — generation, fuel inputs, transmission, reliability investments, demand growth, or the underlying design of the markets themselves.

What is actually behind today's prices? Should "energy affordability" be tracked alongside emissions and reliability as a top-line metric? If voters force the issue through price caps or other forms of intervention, how would that reshape the market structures and investment patterns we have built?

Breakout Session 4B: Natural Gas in the Energy System
(Not available virtually)
Moderated by: Rick Mroz

A decade ago, U.S. natural gas was a domestic story. Today it is a global one, with a continuous armada of LNG carriers moving between the Gulf Coast and Europe and Asia, and U.S. gas effectively underwriting European energy security. The question now is whether that arc keeps running — whether export capacity gets built, whether the world wants more of it, and whether the United States should want to provide it.

Where does the market stand in 2026, after another year of buildout and another round of policy debate? Is renewable natural gas and methane capture a real piece of the future, or a marginal one? As carbon capture moves out of demonstration, could "clean gas" become a real category in the power sector — and what would that mean for everything downstream?

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Breakout Session 5A: Assessing the U.S. Nuclear Energy Renaissance**
Moderated by: Miranda Ballentine

On May 25, 2025 President Trump signed four executive orders with a clear mandate: move quickly and decisively to bring about an American nuclear renaissance.

The US Department of Energy says that:

"Next-generation reactor designs are moving toward key tests with impressive speed. Licensing for new reactors has been streamlined. Our nuclear fuel supply is being reinforced to meet our future energy demands. Retired nuclear plants are on target to restart, and utilities are gearing up to boost the power output of existing plants. America's nuclear energy renaissance is truly underway."

And on July 4, 2026, we declared victory on going critical with four new nuclear reactors. For an industry plagued (in the US, anyway) by cost overruns, painfully slow NRC approvals, and next-generation reactors that are always ten more years away, have we really hit a breakthrough?

Breakout Session 5B: Is the Future Down? (Is the Subsurface Our Energy Future?)
(Not available virtually)
Moderated by: Rich Powell

Regardless of how long one believes the world will drill for hydrocarbons as fuel, it is becoming increasingly clear that the subsurface will remain an enormous part of the energy equation far into the future. Whether we are harvesting it for hydrocarbons which we later sequester and reinject as carbons, or drilling for lithium, white hydrogen, or simply geothermal heat, the drill rigs will remain busy for the rest of this century. How is the subsurface and our understanding of it evolving as an energy resource?

12:15 – 1:45 PM **Lunch**

2:00 – 5:00 PM **"Charting Space": A Walkthrough of Herbert Bayer's Environmental Legacy**
Location: Doerr-Hosier Building, Lower

The walkthrough will examine how visual communication has historically shaped public understanding of environmental and resource challenges — a question directly relevant to today's energy and climate communication efforts. Participants will review Herbert Bayer's 1953 World Geo-Graphic Atlas, specifically its "Conservation of Resources" chapter, which scholars credit as an early and influential model for translating complex sustainability data into public-facing narrative. It will also trace the chapter's direct institutional link to the creation of the recycling symbol, developed through a 1970 Aspen Institute conference and design competition — an example of how convenings like this one have historically shaped environmental policy tools.

Following the session, participants will have structured time to connect with relevant sector partners, building on discussions from the day's programming. Reference materials on the design history discussed will be provided.

No formal dinner is planned for this evening to allow participants to gather in small groups and explore Aspen.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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McNulty Ballroom, Doerr-Hosier Center, Aspen Meadows Resort

7:30 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast**
Davis Commons, Aspen Meadows Resort

9:00 – 10:30 AM **Session 6: Financing the Next Generation of Energy Infrastructure**

Moderated by: Rick Mroz

Energy assets last thirty to fifty years. The capital markets, the policy cycle, and the regulatory environment do not. That gap has always existed, but it has never mattered more than it does now, with a new generation of technologies moving from demonstration to commercial scale and a trillion-dollar buildout sitting in front of utilities, developers, and investors.

What does it actually take today to bring a large new generation project to final investment decision? Are new debt instruments needed to match the life of the asset — longer-duration paper, an expanded federal loan program to hold it? What will unlock the scale of private capital the next decade of infrastructure requires?

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Session 7: The Evolution of Energy Innovation**
Moderated by: Dawn Lippert

Energy innovation has historically been a slow business, paced by policy timelines, R&D cycles, and gradual cost curves. The last eighteen months have changed that. Data centers, AI training infrastructure, and advanced manufacturing have created a concentrated, urgent buyer for clean firm power on a timeline the energy system does not normally run on.

Has demand ever pulled innovation forward this fast? Can the technologies that need to scale — long-duration storage, next-generation geothermal, advanced nuclear — actually keep up between now and 2030? Will flexibility and rate design adapt in time to matter? Does this new load end up on the grid through utility-scale builds, or off the grid through behind-the-meter solutions that look nothing like today's system?

12:15 – 1:45 PM **Lunch**
Davis Commons, Aspen Meadows Resort

1:45 – 3:15 PM **Session 8: Small Group Discussions**
Participants will self-select into one of the following sessions:

1. Cybersecurity and Energy Infrastructure Protection
Moderator: Rick Mroz

2. The Proper Role of the Federal Government in Advancing Economic Competitiveness
Moderators: Rich Powell & Dawn Lippert

3. The Data Center Social Compact
Moderator: Miranda Ballentine

4. Wildfire Risk in the Energy Sector
Moderator: Bryan Hannegan

3:15 – 3:30 PM **Break**

3:30 – 5:00 PM **Session 9: Energy Policy for the Next Decade**
Moderated by: Bryan Hannegan

After two decades of swinging policy pendulums, the working assumption across much of the energy sector is that whatever Washington does will be reversed in four or eight years. This session tests that assumption. Looking across the choices made under the last several U.S. administrations, where does durable consensus actually live, and what would a major energy law passed in the next five years need to look like to survive the next political cycle?

Is the agreement strongest on permitting, on supply chains, on the role of states and public utility commissions or somewhere unexpected? Can the U.S. pursue domestic manufacturing without making clean energy technologies more expensive? As markets move faster than regulators in nearly every direction, what should the next decade's policy frame actually look like?

6:30 – 9:30 PM **Forum Reception and Dinner**
Pine Creek Cookhouse

Shuttles will depart the Walter Isaacson Center promptly at 6:15pm for a nonstop journey to the cookhouse.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 AM MT	**Breakfast** *Davis Commons, Aspen Meadows Resort*
8:00AM MT	**Shuttle to airport**
9:00 AM MT– 1:04 PM CT	**Flight: UA 4669** *Aspen Pitkin Airport (ASE) to Chicago O'Hare (ORD)*
2:00pm CT – 5:12 PM ET	**Flight: UA 1314** *Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA)*