



The second day started with an engaging presentation by Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Nora Brownell. Brownell urged the state to think "outside the box" of future infrastructure development options that could include encouraging third-party ownership and development of transmission assets as well as the use of advance technologies and demand response mechanisms.

Day two also included a discussion of municipalization options and challenges from Lafayette Utility Services Director Terry Huval, a presentation from Jim McGlone of the U.S. Department of Energy, and an insightful presentation by Bill Snyder of KEMA Inc. on infrastructure hardening, the securing and strengthening of underground and overhead electrical grid components

One of the highlights of the conference was the last session, which included an "all-star" roundtable panel who brainstormed about potential scenarios in future utility infrastructure development. Panel members included Phillip May, vice president, Entergy Services; Loren Scott, president, Loren C. Scott & Associates; Michael Sherman, energy advisor to the New Orleans City Council; Eric Smith, associate director, Tulane-Entergy Energy Institute; and Dane Revette, energy cluster head, Louisiana Department of Economic Development. The roundtable was moderated by Professor Craig Freeman, faculty member at the Manship School of Mass Communications and host of the Louisiana Public Broadcasting program "Louisiana Public Square."

The conference was free and open to the public and would not have been possible without the generous support of a number of corporate sponsors. We thank Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman, LLP, ConocoPhillips, Suez Energy, American Electric Power, Dow, and Southern Strategy Group.

Information about the conference, as well as the presentations provided during the event, can be found at www.enrg.lsu.edu/conferences/utility2006.



The auditorium in the Energy, Coast & Environment Building rotunda was named for LSU alumnus Dalton J. Woods, Friday, February 3. The Woods family has provided a generous endowment to support energy conferences held in the auditorium.

Bob Baumann, CES director of research and development, emceed the event and described the funding and planning history of the Energy, Coast & Environment Building and its conference facilities, pointing out that the Woods family's gift will help fulfill the original mission of the facility to provide a forum for energy research and education. Reminding the audience of the long building process, Baumann dubbed the facility a "five-chancellor building."

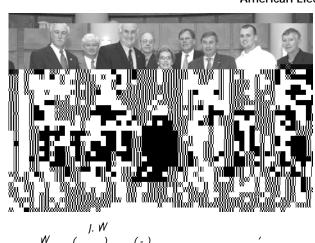
LSU chancellor emeritus James Wharton, who was a friend of Dalton J. Woods, spoke of Woods' character as a young officer in World War II and later as a dedicated member of the LSU Board of Supervisors. LSU

chancellor Sean O'Keefe thanked the Woods family in closing remarks, and LSU System president William Jenkins offered a toast and presented a gift of thanks to Mrs. Woods.

Mike Bourgeois Remembered

The Center for Energy Studies lost a dear friend and supporter when Michael Bourgeois passed away February 1. An Advisory Council member for almost two decades, he represented the Louisiana Landowners Association. Earlier, Mike was involved with the formation of the Center from its earliest days, when he was with the Department of Natural Resources.

Since his death, the Center has received donations in his name. We plan to honor Mike by applying the gifts toward energy programs that he valued and supported throughout his career. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mike's widow, Becky, and to his sons, Andy and Corey.



New Products

Report on Wellbore Completion Schematics, Formation Tops Available

Donald A. Goddard, PTTC coordinator and CES associate professor, recently completed a report titled "Louisiana Wellbore Completion Schematics and Formation Tops," which provides typical wellbore completion designs used in drilling and completing wells in onshore oil and gas producing parishes of North and South Louisiana. The report features examples of typical AFE drilling costs for several drilling depths, as well as selected wellbore schematics for most of the producing intervals, including lithologies and formation tops that are penetrated.

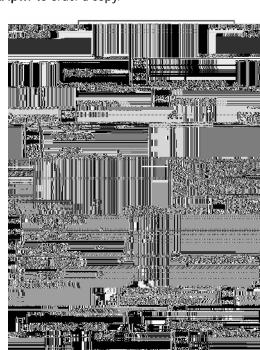
Visit www.cgrpttc.lsu.edu to order a copy of the report. The cost is \$35 for a black and white hard copy or the color CD version.

Rapides, Vernon Desktop Reference Now Available

The new Rapides and Vernon Parish Desktop Well Reference CD is available. Part of the Louisiana Parish Well Reference (LPWR) series, the reference is modeled after the Louisiana Desktop Well Reference, which is a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Louisiana oil and gas industry emphasizing the historical field and lease unit well (LUW) production at the parish level. The CD was developed by Brian Harder, Louisiana Geological Survey research associate, and Mike Surman, CES computer manager.

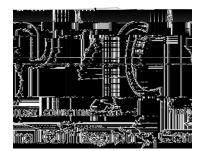
The historical production data in the parish CDs, including that prior to 1977, was compiled from two sources from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation. Monthly LUW production was taken from the Production Audit Cards, and annual field production was taken from the Annual Oil and Gas Reports.

Contact Mike Surman at msurman@lsu.edu or 225-578-4553, or visit www.cgrttc.lsu.edu/lpwr to order a copy.



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In addition to a generous endowment provided by the Dalton J. Woods family (see Dalton J. Woods Auditorium article), the Center has received contributions in support of our programs. Robert W. Christopher, a member of the Advisory Council, has endowed a director's office. ConocoPhillips has made two contributions. The first was for matching funds for graduate students, and the second was for matching funds for equipment for our PTTC program. Chevron has provided financial support that will be used as matching funds for federal grants, and F.M. Hood and Associates has provideed support for our book scholarship. The Center is grateful for the continued support of our industry associates.

PTTC CGR Spring 2006 Workshop Schedule

- 2 , "Well Production Performance Toolbox for Independents," presented by Julius Langlinais.
- 1 "Mature Well Performance Prediction for Independents," presented by Julius Langlinais.
- 2 , "Stimulation of Watered-out Inactive/marginal Wells with Dual Completion," presented by Andrew Wojtanowicz.

Staff Notes

African Energy

Bob Baumann has agreed to be part of a 21-member review team to select energy projects in African countries for financial support from a consortium of European nations. Some 150 proposals are expected. Bob previously did site reviews of completed projects in the 1980s.

Dismukes Interviewed on Governor's Lease Sale Ultimatum

Governor Kathleen Blanco's strategy to "play hardball" with the federal government on offshore oil and gas royalties garnered considerable attention in regional and national media. CES's David Dismukes was interviewed on the topic by as on CNBC's program hosted by Maria Bartiromo and one of public broadcasting's most-listened-to-programs.

Iledare to Head USAEE/IAEE Conference Committee

Wumi Iledare, CES professor, has been appointed to chair the Concurrent Session Committee for the upcoming 26th Annual North American Conference of the United States Association for Energy Economics/International Association for Energy Economics (USAEE/IAEE) scheduled for September 24-27 near Ann Arbor, Michigan. The conference theme is "Energy in a Changing World of Costs and Technologies." Iledare's committee will organize accepted technical papers into concurrent sessions covering several aspects of the conference theme. For more information about the conference and sessions, visit www.usaee.org.

Hurricane Impact Requests Continue

David Dismukes continues to present updated analyses of the hurricane impacts on oil and gas production and other energy infrastructure in the Gulf. In early March, he gave an overview of the potential future impacts on Louisiana oil and gas activities at the LIOGA annual meeting in Lake Charles and at a meeting of the Louisiana Economic