

## **Indian Energy Opportunity Roundtable: Tribes, Companies and Governments Explore Oil & Gas Possibilities**

October 18, 2005

1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

*Registration at 12:30 PM, Reception to Follow*

*No charge*

Grand Hyatt Denver

1750 Welton Street

Denver, Colorado

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Energy development on sovereign Indian tribal lands represents significant economic development opportunities for Tribes, as well as potential access to critical energy resources that may help secure the energy future for all Americans. Many Tribes would like to use the economic potential of their energy resources for the benefit of tribal members and Indian lands may be one of the most promising future exploration and production frontiers.

Conservative current resource estimates of Indian lands indicate that more than 37 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 5 billion barrels of oil may yet be discovered. This provides a backdrop to open a dialogue among Tribes, private industry, and federal government about how to foster energy development partnerships that will benefit all parties and what role these partnerships may play in meeting consumer demand across the nation.

As more attention is focused on Indian energy potential, a number of questions are being asked by Tribes and energy companies, such as:

- ? What, besides geology, makes a difference to companies looking to evaluate domestic resource opportunities?
- ? What are Tribes doing, and what else can be done, to attract energy investment while ensuring that their people benefit from the results of that investment?
- ? Are there new partnership or other business structures that might encourage more investment in Indian energy resource development?
- ? Are there special legal restrictions – or benefits – that may hinder or help Indian energy investment?
- ? What are the best energy development roles for governments at all levels – and are there situations in which less government involvement is better?

These and other questions will be explored when the Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development and the Domestic Petroleum Council sponsor a half-day Indian Energy Opportunity Roundtable in Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday, October 18, 2005. Company and Tribal representatives with responsibility for energy investments and investment policies are encouraged to participate.

To discuss the Roundtable, call:

- ? Bob Middleton, Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development – (202) 208-5462
- ? Bill Whitsitt, President, Domestic Petroleum Council – (202) 742-4300

To register (at no cost) simply fill out and fax the attached form.

*(The Roundtable meeting agenda will be provided to registrants in the near future.)*

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## **Registration Form**

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Indian Energy Opportunities Roundtable on the afternoon of October 18.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will stay for the reception.

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