

Appendix C

NEP Initiative Energy Leader Interview Questions

1. What should be the top 2-3 goals of a comprehensive national energy policy?
Why are these goals critical to the nation?
2. What specific policies or programs are needed to achieve each of these goals?
3. Why does your company/organization/constituency support these particular policies/programs?
4. Which 2 or 3 of these policies/programs should have top national priority now, and why?
- 5a. Are you familiar with the way these policies/programs are formulated in the SAFE Act of 2001 passed by the House last summer, and in the Senate bill recently introduced by Sens. Daschle and Bingaman? To the extent that you are familiar with each of the bills, please comment on how well each satisfies your goals and interests, and what changes you would most like to see in each.
- 5b. Where do you think the current legislative activity in the House and Senate is likely to lead? Is there likely to be substantial energy legislation in 2002? If so, how likely is it to meet your interests?
6. In developing a coalition for purposes of advancing your policy goals, which groups/constituencies do you see as your strongest allies? Which groups do you see as potential allies? Which groups are least likely to support your preferred policies?
7. Could you suggest a package of policy options that meets your primary policy goals and those of your allies, and might also gain support from groups that have different priorities? In other words, is there a comprehensive package or particular tradeoff that would meet your interests while also potentially meeting the interests of a broad array of constituencies?
8. What information, if any, do you think is important to introduce into the policy making process that is not already being considered? How could that information be provided?
9. The NEP Initiative organizers are planning to convene a group of nationally recognized energy experts to review the key issues identified by you and other stakeholders, and to seek consensus on a set of principles and policy recommendations that could meet the primary interests of all key constituencies. We are looking for experts who have a reputation for independent, strategic, and creative thinking, and who are widely respected. We expect that these experts will be experienced in both the substance of energy policy issues and the “real-world” policy making process.
- 9a. Do you have comments on the considerations we’re using to select experts? Are there any other considerations you think are important?
- 9b. If asked to nominate 2-3 individuals to participate in the expert group, whom would you suggest? Please try to suggest at least 1 expert whose views on national energy policy are significantly different from your own.
10. Do you have other comments? Are there things we haven’t discussed that you think are central to development of a sound national energy policy?