

**Final Mission Report
Travel to Washington, D.C
April 3-4, 2005**

Executive Summary:

Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky, traveled to Houston, Texas to attend the North American Gas Strategies Conference organized by Ziff Energy Group.

Alberta is poised to have a significant impact on meeting the growing demand for natural gas by North American consumers. As such it was important for an Alberta representative to inform government and industry leaders at this conference about the opportunities Alberta offers with our vast resource potential, our natural gas transmission “hub”, industry expertise and commitment to new and emerging technologies.

Knight discussed Alberta’s energy technology incentive programs such as EnergyINet. Further, he outlined Alberta’s role in the MacKenzie Delta and Alaska natural gas pipeline projects.

Mission Objectives:

- Promote Alberta’s current and future role in supplying natural gas to North America.
- Participate in a panel discussion on natural gas policy.
- Discuss technology incentive programs in Alberta.
- Discuss Alberta’s natural gas transmission “hub”.

Accomplishments

The North American Natural Gas Strategies Conference meetings were productive and informative. Knight delivered a presentation and entertained questions from the floor on Alberta energy technology royalty incentive programs.

April 3, 2005

Flew to Houston and attended an evening event.

April 4, 2005

Session One – Participated in the *Policy Roadmap Panel* with the following:

Paul Ziff, CEO, Ziff Energy Group

Governor Frank Murkowski, State of Alaska

Dr. Francisco Barnes de Castro, Commissioner, Energy Regulatory Commission,
Government of Mexico

Hon. Brendan Bell, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Government of
Northwest Territories

Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky, delivered a presentation on natural gas in Alberta and participated in a question and answer session.

Session Two – Participated in a discussion on *Supply Outlook* with the following:

Paul Ziff, CEO, Ziff Energy Group

Jim Dilay, Board Member, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
Greg Stingham, VP Fiscal Markets and Policy, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Other sessions at the conference include a roundtable discussion on liquefied natural gas and an examination of the current supply of natural gas in North America.

Official Delegation

Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky

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