

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual John H. and Cynthia H. Schultz Lecture in Energy



## **The State of U.S. Energy Policy Following the Paris Agreement: Who is Leading?**

**Colette Honorable**

**Former Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Partner, Reed Smith LLP**

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## **The Schultz Lectureship**

The Schultz Lectureship Series on oil and gas, energy, and natural resources provides valuable information to policymakers, practitioners, business executives, and the academic community on emerging issues in the field. The lectureship fund was made possible by the generosity of John H. and Cynthia H. Schultz.

John Schultz is a retired gas and oil attorney whose career in Colorado and the Western U.S. spanned the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Mr. Schultz is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder where he was active in student government and participated in Varsity Gymnastics.

Cynthia Schultz was a retired University of Colorado, Boulder administrative staff member. She served as a member of the University of Colorado, Boulder Graduate School Advisory Council, the Graduate School ReSource Committee, and the University of Colorado As Hoc Task Force on Graduate Education. Cynthia passed away on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## Introduction

### **The State of U.S. Energy Policy Following the Paris Agreement: Who is Leading?**

The 2017 Shultz Lecture will focus on the evolution of energy policy in the U.S. and beyond following the Paris Agreement and the 2016 presidential election. The presentation will highlight the events following the withdrawal of the U.S. from the climate accord - in particular the incredible response from grassroots organizations, local and state leaders, and industry- and the unprecedented showing of leadership from the people.



## Colette Honorable

Colette Honorable is a member of Reed Smith's Energy and Natural Resources Group resident in the Washington, D.C. office. Colette is a highly regarded policy maker in domestic and international energy sectors. Colette recently served as Commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). She was nominated by President Barack Obama in August 2014, and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December 2014 for a term that expired in June 2017. At FERC, Honorable focused on reliability oversight of the bulk power system, cyber and physical security, oversight of wholesale markets, transmission planning and cost allocation in regional transmission organizations, gas-electric coordination, renewables integration, energy storage integration and valuation, enforcement, ratemaking, infrastructure development, and enforcement matters. Colette joined the FERC from the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC), where she served since October 2007, and led as Chairman from January 2011-January 2015.



As Chairman of the PSC, Colette oversaw an agency with jurisdiction over 450 utilities and approximate annual revenues of US\$5 billion. She was charged with ensuring safe, reliable and affordable retail electric service. During her tenure, Arkansas led the South and Southeast in comprehensive energy efficiency programs, and electric rates were consistently among the lowest in the nation. These appointments culminated in nearly ten years of regulatory experience in key leadership roles.

Colette is past president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where she focused on pipeline safety, reliability, resilience, fuel diversity, and workforce development. She has testified before Congress on multiple occasions on a range of energy issues.

Prior to joining the Arkansas PSC, Colette served as chief of staff to the Arkansas Attorney General and as a member of the governor's cabinet as Executive Director of the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board. Her previous employment includes service as a consumer protection and civil litigation attorney, and as a senior assistant attorney general in Medicaid fraud before serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law and Special Judge of the Pulaski County Circuit Court.

Colette is an Ambassador for the Clean Energy Education and Empowerment Initiative, an effort co-led by the U.S. Department of Energy and the MIT Energy Initiative, formed under the auspices of the International Clean Energy Ministerial. She has also held previous appointments to the National Petroleum Council and served as Chair of the Department of Transportation's Joint Technical Advisory Committee for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. A native of Arkansas, she is a graduate of the University of Memphis and received a Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law.

## Past Schultz Lecturers

**Dr. Paul L. Joskow**

President, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
MIT, Elizabeth and James Killian Professor, Emeritus  
September 22, 2016

**The Honorable John W. Hickenlooper**

Governor, State of Colorado  
November 12, 2015

**Jim Burke**

President, NGL Energy Partners  
October 30, 2014

**Tony Clark**

Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
October 22, 2013

**Jeff Bingaman**

United States Senator of New Mexico  
October 8, 2012

**Daniel Yergin**

Pulitzer Prize Winning Author and Chairman of HIS  
October 19, 2011

**Kristina M. Johnson**

Under Secretary of Energy at the U.S. Dept. of Energy  
December 2, 2010

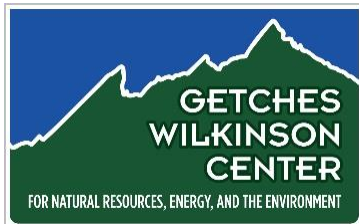
**James E. Rodgers**

Chief Executive Officer and President of Duke Energy  
September 10, 2009

**Bruce M. Kramer**

Maddox Professor of Law at Texas Tech University  
October 29, 2007

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