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ABOUT the 8th Annual 21st Century Energy Transition Symposium:

The symposium is co-hosted by the Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory (CERC) – an organization dedicated to coordinating research designed to address complex energy and natural resource challenges facing the state of Colorado and the world at large. Participating research institutions include the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado

State University, University of Colorado and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

It's the 8th such symposium, and continues the event's evolution from a forum on the natural gas industry to one that looks broadly at Colorado's energy mix, including the booming renewables sector. More than 55 speakers will come together to discuss the future of energy on both a state and global level. Leaders in the energy industry, scientists, researchers, environmentalists, entrepreneurs, elected officials, policy makers, academia, students, the community at large and many others will be in attendance, bringing diverse voices and perspectives to the table.

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BACKGROUND:

The first energy symposium was held in 2011 and mainly focused on natural gas production. Since 2016, the event has broadened to focus on how energy is transitioning in the state, region, country and globally. Over the years the event has developed a reputation for hosting a balanced educational symposia with all sides of the issues related to energy being discussed from various viewpoints.

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TOP SPEAKERS:

Jared Polis – Governor of Colorado

Bill Ritter – 41st Governor of Colorado, Director of the Center for the New Energy Economy at CSU

Betsy Markey – Director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Chris Hansen – State Representative

Amory Lovins – Co-founder and Chief Scientist at the Rocky Mountain Institute

Alice Jackson – President of Xcel Energy

Maggie Fox – Former Executive Director of the Sierra Club

Eric Toone – Executive Managing Director and Science Lead of Breakthrough Energy Ventures

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TOPICS:

- Driving Innovations through Policy and Economic Development
- Powering Women in Energy
- Innovations and Trends in Oil & Gas
- Food/Energy/Water Innovative Systems Strategies
- Global Trends, Innovations and Emerging Markets in Energy

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