

**Final Mission Report  
Travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission  
2008 Annual Meeting  
November 16-18<sup>th</sup>**

**Executive Summary**

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission is a multi-state government agency. The Commission works to ensure oil and natural gas resources are conserved and maximized while protecting health, safety and the environment.

The IOGCC advocates for environmentally-sound ways to increase the supply of American energy by providing governors of member states with a clear and unified voice to Congress, while also serving as the authority on issues surrounding these vital resources.

IOGCC meetings, typically attended by member governors and their representatives, federal and state regulators, legislators, and a cross-section of industry representatives, provide an effective forum for government, industry and others to share information and viewpoints, allowing members to take a proactive approach to emerging technologies and environmental issues.

Alberta is an international affiliate to The Commission and participation provides long-term advocacy opportunities.

Len Webber, MLA for Calgary Foothills and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy attended the Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM as part of the Alberta delegation.

**Mission Objectives**

Network with State Representatives and business leaders from energy producing U.S. states and address issues of mutual interest.

- strengthen Alberta-U.S. ties
- reinforce with U.S. lawmakers Alberta's firm commitment to help meet the world's energy needs in an environmentally responsible way
- Reassure U.S. political and business decision-makers of Alberta's continued commitment and capacity to serve as a secure, reliable and growing supplier of energy.

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
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**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**North American Energy Integration**

**General Session – The Challenges of Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas**

Mr. Webber made a presentation about Alberta's energy sector highlighting some of the recent developments in the unconventional resource development and provided an update on the Carbon Capture and Storage initiatives currently underway in the province. Other presenters included: Governor Brad Henry from Oklahoma, James A. Slutz, Acting Assistant Secretary for the US Department of Energy and Kenneth Nemeth of the Southern States Energy Board. Presentations included a snapshot of current status of the US energy sector, and an update on US carbon capture and storage initiatives.

**Luncheon Keynote**

Clarence P. Cazalot Jr. – President and CEO of Marathon Oil Corporation

**Internaitonal Committee – Climate Change and Carbon Abatement**

Mr. Paul Lynch of the British Consulate General in Houston provided an overview of EU approaches to climate change and carbon reduction technologies.

**Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

Mr. Webber heard presentations from the IOGCC CCS Taskforce and EPA representatives about proposed rulemaking on geo-sequestration of carbon dioxide.

**Evening Reception**

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**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**General Session - Energy Resources, Research and Technology**

Presenters discussed the potential of unconventional energy in the American energy market.

**Return travel to Edmonton**

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