



## T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 9.17.11 – 9.19.11

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### Coverage Summary

An op-ed by Pickens appeared in the Tulsa World over the weekend. Pickens' states that the United States needs an energy plan to capitalize on domestic natural gas and achieve energy independence. Pickens continues that the NAT GAS Act has the capacity to jumpstart the natural gas industry while creating jobs, boosting the economy, and reducing dependence on foreign oil.

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• **The Week Ahead: Solyndra execs face Congress; House EPA attacks reach floor** – *The Hill*, *E2 Wire blog* – 9/19/11 <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/677-e2-wire/182249-the-week-ahead-solyndra-exec-faces-congress-house-epa-attacks-reach-floor>

## HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

**U.S. energy future lies beneath our feet** – *Tulsa World* – 9/17/11

By T. Boone Pickens

Our country needs an energy plan, and we need it now. We have no time to waste. Our economy continues to struggle in low gear, desperately needing a shift in direction. Our unemployment rate is unacceptably high. We need jobs. We need capital to invest in American businesses.

And it's going to be a struggle to fix it unless we tackle our OPEC oil dependency.

As long as we continue to rely upon OPEC oil, our economy will continue to run on empty, putting our national security and economy in greater peril every day.

As Joe Nocera put it when he aptly summed up the basis for my energy plan in a recent New York Times op-ed, we cannot continue to depend on "the fuel we don't have." Without a plan to capitalize on the fuel we do have, natural gas, we place our security in jeopardy and deprive our country of capital which would be better earned and spent at home.

On the national stage, the absence of action addressing this issue can be attributed to an absence of leadership and guidance. It is crippling our national security and our economy. Every president since Richard Nixon has promised we would one day be energy-independent.

The most recent example is President Obama, who declared that under his watch, Middle East oil imports would end.

Yet, here we sit, adrift, continuing to search for action. Presidential promises have not amounted to presidential action.

But there's good news. While we wait on leadership from Washington, great things are happening at the state and local levels. Leaders around the country are answering the call for action. One such leader is

Tulsa Tech, whose new, modern automotive training facility was officially unveiled Friday in Broken Arrow.

The automotive section will train mechanics to keep the next generation of liquid natural gas (LNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) heavy-duty and mid-size trucks humming efficiently down America's interstate highways, carrying American-produced goods while running on affordable and abundant American natural gas.

Tulsa Tech's commitment to LNG and CNG training fills a specialized gap and ensures we have the mechanical expertise needed to meet the rising demand for natural gas. As fleet operations begin transitioning their fleets to LNG and CNG trucks over the next five to eight years, jobs will be created, and OPEC oil will be replaced with American natural gas. What is not to like?

Another example of leadership can also be found in Oklahoma. A few weeks ago, Oklahoma-based Chesapeake Energy Corporation announced a well-conceived, three-pronged plan to help end our nation's addiction to OPEC oil in the next five to 10 years. Chesapeake's plan, announced by the company's chairman and CEO, Aubrey McClendon, represents a step in the right direction. I recently visited the website Chesapeake designed to educate Americans on the details of the company's forward-looking plan ([www.tulsaworld.com/chesapeake](http://www.tulsaworld.com/chesapeake)) I encourage you to check it out.

Here in the U.S., we have an abundant fuel in natural gas, and we can move toward a transportation future that runs on both American natural gas and oil by passing the Natural Gas Act (HR 1380), a visionary piece of legislation championed by U.S. Reps. John Sullivan and Dan Boren of Oklahoma. The legislation would give America's truckers the direction and incentives they need to begin moving their new trucks to domestic natural gas and away from OPEC oil/diesel.

The catalyst of the last industrial revolution was cheap oil. Let's rekindle that flame with the era of cheap and clean American natural gas.

We have an opportunity and responsibility to pave the way for coming generations, and we need to recognize and capitalize on affordable sources of energy. The opportunity for a cleaner, safer energy future lies in wait beneath our feet. It's time to act.

T. Boone Pickens was born in Oklahoma and is the architect of "The Pickens Plan" aimed at diversifying America's energy portfolio. For more information go to [pickensplan.com](http://pickensplan.com).

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## PRINT PLACEMENTS

**Tulsa Tech auto training site to focus on fuel for the future: natural gas** – *Tulsa World* – 9/17/11

By Sara Plummer

BROKEN ARROW - Alternative energy advocate T. Boone Pickens was the guest of honor Friday at the dedication of Tulsa Technology Center's newly renovated automotive training facility, which will focus on alternative fuel technology.

Pickens and other guests, including U.S. Rep. John Sullivan and Tulsa Metro Chamber Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Chris Benge, arrived with Tulsa Tech Superintendent Kara Gae Neal in a Tulsa Transit bus fueled by compressed natural gas.

More than 350 people attended the ribbon-cutting in one of the school's large automotive bays. The facility, which opened in 1983, now has more than 362,000 square feet of classrooms, labs and shops with new equipment especially for liquid and compressed natural gas.

Thirteen million vehicles run on natural gas, but only 140,000 of them are in the United States, Pickens said.

Tulsa Tech's newly renovated facility and new program - and others like it across the country - are the first step in transitioning Americans from dependence on foreign oil to a domestic resource, natural gas, he said.

"We have more natural gas than anywhere else in the world," Pickens said. "In five years, the oil and gas industry will look vastly different."

Tulsa Tech's alternative fuels program offers certification in CNG, electrical and engine performance training, and students will use multifuel trainers, equipment, vehicles and an on-site CNG fueling station.

During a luncheon at the facility, Pickens spoke about working with Sullivan, R-Okla., to garner support for House Resolution 1380, a bill that would offer tax credits for the purchase and manufacture of natural gas vehicles.

"I'm confident I'll win because I'm on the right side of the issue," he said. "If the bill comes to the floor, I think we'll get 300 votes and the bill will pass."

Sullivan, who sponsored the bill in the U.S. House of Representatives, said Oklahoma's deposit of natural gas is a "gift that God gave us."

"We have 120 years of natural gas under our feet, and we need to use it," he said.

Sullivan predicted that natural gas will be a huge boon for the state's economy and said the Tulsa Tech facility will help the industry by teaching students how to convert vehicles to CNG.

Pickens said the United States imports 67 percent of its oil but that there's no plan for what will happen if those supplies are lessened or cut off due to instability in the Middle East.

"We will have those conversations when there's a crisis in the Middle East," he said, but someone needs to take the lead role in having those conversations now.

"There so much opportunity" with natural gas, he said, "but it's hard to accomplish anything without leadership."

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**Roth: Bode reaching out to industry** – *The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK)* – 9/17/11

By Jim Roth

Former Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Denise Bode has been the CEO of the American Wind Energy Association since 2009.

Bode grew up in the heart of Oklahoma's oil business and is the daughter of a Phillips Petroleum executive. She was the first woman to head the Independent Petroleum Association of America, promoting the interests of oil drillers, riggers and natural gas producers for seven years. She knows a lot about energy.

There would appear to be a competitive divide, but just as the former oil advocate did when she joined the wind group, Bode is reaching out to the natural gas industry in hopes of firming up what she believes is a natural alliance.

Last week in a speech to the Natural Gas Roundtable, Bode said opportunities abound for wind and gas to partner. While both are central parts of most utility generation planning, Bode said, they should rely on each other to continue their success.

Bode reiterated that the country needs both wind and gas and that a partnership is a natural solution to our energy needs. By adding wind and natural gas to a generation portfolio, utilities are committing to the long-term security of the country and security for consumers, she said.

Bode was the first leader of the American Clean Skies Foundation, a nonprofit organization searching for environmentally friendly energy solutions. She has worked with Gregory Staple, the current CEO, on what the groups can accomplish together as Clean Skies reaches new heights.

She believes that having a diversified portfolio solution as America is shutting down more coal generation is something people want.

Staple agreed that the two could find ways to work together because gas-fired and wind generators have a mutual interest in policies that provide for cost recovery of new investments.

The American Clean Skies Foundation published a study in June that says change is coming to the nation's electric generating mix. The study, by Stanford professor Joel Swisher, finds a convergence of factors has created an opportunity to replace the obsolete coal-fired fleet with gas and renewable demand side resources.

The synergy between flexible natural gas-fired generation and renewable generation can benefit utilities' generation portfolios and allow generators to avoid high compliance costs of continued reliance on coal.

The report calls for more flexibility in ramping ability of combined-cycle generation. It advocates renewed use of long-term gas contracts and new long-term contract vehicles to reward generators for services that improve flexibility to use multiple energy sources.

Addressing the specific economic comparisons between retrofitted coal versus gas-fired generation, Swisher said natural gas generation stacks up quite well.

The study acknowledged that higher and volatile gas prices could change the game. However, since renewable sources have zero fuel cost with no volatility or emissions cost exposure, fuel-related price risk is moderated.

Bode noted that extending the life of obsolete coal-fired steam plants would be a step in the wrong direction.

Early last summer Denise Bode, teamed up with T. Boone Pickens to craft an op-ed that portrayed wind and natural gas as the most compelling team in the energy field.

GE has announced the first power plant to integrate wind and solar power with natural gas. The 530-megawatt plant will start operating in Turkey in 2015.

The truth is, we must advocate federal energy policies that will lead to a cleaner, more sustainable environment, safe reliable energy technologies, and a secure, prosperous future for all Americans.

Policymakers and investors should remember that the gas interests and the wind interests don't always line up and it is a partnership destined to have some troubled times. But gas is solid and reliable and whether by itself, or in partnership with wind on the grid, it makes a lot more sense than dirty coal.

Certainly every Oklahoman can agree with Denise on that.

Jim Roth, a former Oklahoma corporation commissioner, is an attorney with Phillips Murrah P.C. in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on clean, green energy for Oklahoma.

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**So much for energy independence as the U.S. stumbles toward the export of natural gas – *The Oregonian* – 9/17/11**

By Steve Duin

It's a jaw-dropping contradiction, a classic bait-and-switch. It's a thumb-in-the-eye of energy independence and the sort of numbing stupidity that, T. Boone Pickens argues, will confirm our legacy as "the dumbest generation."

Yet we continue to stumble along, strung out between Big Oil and a diminished president, moving inexorably toward the export of this nation's vast reserves of natural gas.

Both of Oregon's U.S. senators oppose this economic idiocy. Ron Wyden is convinced that "exporting natural gas will benefit gas companies at the expense of the American consumer." Jeff Merkley is

alarmed by its impact on national security and job creation.

Paul Cicio, president of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (750,000 employees strong), has been raging against the U.S. Department of Energy policy for months.

"They should be champions of energy independence," Cicio said Friday. "They're supposed to be looking out for the interests of the public. What this export policy does, instead, is benefit a small handful of exporters to the potential demise of every American and American-manufacturing competitiveness."

Yet in May, DOE approved Cheniere Energy's export terminal in Louisiana, which even Chenier concedes will result in an 11-percent spike in natural gas prices in the U.S. LNG terminals in Lake Charles, La., Freeport, Texas, and on the Chesapeake Bay are seeking similar approval.

Meanwhile, Peter Hansen, the CEO of Oregon LNG, is presenting at December's LNG Export Conference in Houston. According to the schedule, Hansen will answer the question of whether Oregon's LNG import terminals can use their federal regulatory permits to "shortcut" the transition into export facilities.

Brett VandenHeuvel, the executive director at Columbia Riverkeeper, has long maintained that export is the end game, and the cash cow, for Oregon's natural gas lobby. The rush to export has only intensified as domestic oversupply has dropped the price of gas in this country to one-third of what it sells for in China or Japan.

"It's difficult to believe the world's largest gas companies didn't know what was going on with the gas market; that they've made a catastrophic decision to import massive amounts of gas while the market demanded the opposite," VandenHeuvel said.

Attorney General John Kroger is of a similar mind. Yet when he suggested two years ago that Bradwood Landing -- Northern Star's now abandoned terminal -- would be used to export natural gas, boosting prices for local consumers, Northern Star's founder jumped all over Kroger's "misleading public statements.

"There is no evidence to support either claim," William "Si" Garrett said in a letter to the Albany Democrat-Herald. "Both arguments are among the silliest conjectures of our opponents, and your repetition of them undermines your credibility as an elected official."

Two weeks ago, Bob Braddock, who manages the Jordan Cove LNG project in Coos Bay, told The Oregonian's Ted Sickinger, "There is currently no need for import into North America. We accept that. If anything makes sense, it's export."

Hmmm. So much for Si Garrett's credibility as an energy prognosticator.

VandenHeuvel and Cicio both believe natural gas exports will have a dire impact on American consumers. So does Pickens, the Oklahoma billionaire campaigning to reduce this country's dependence on OPEC oil by retrofitting this country's commercial trucks to run on natural gas.

"It's crazy. Absolutely crazy," VandenHeuvel said. "We're importing expensive oil and proposing to export inexpensive gas, which will make the gas companies rich and harm almost everyone else: Homeowners, whose gas bills will go up. Manufacturers, who will lose the competitive advantage of cheap gas. And anyone who buys products manufactured with natural gas."

Adds Cicio, "This is more than a natural gas issue." As utilities increasingly turn away from coal-fired power plant, Cicio notes, "A growing portion of U.S. electrical generation is becoming more dependent on natural gas. When the price of gas begins rising, it's also going to raise the price of electricity."

Is the president -- generator of jobs, protector of the environment, champion of the little guy -- raising a similar alarm?

"The Obama administration is supporting (exports)," Cicio said.

In Oregon, LNG backers are still seeking state permits for import facilities.

If, as Braddock says, only export "makes sense," the industry will have to apply for new permits for their terminals and pipelines. It will be much harder to argue that giving the gas companies condemnation powers, for the cheap acquisition of land, is in the public interest simply so they can sell liquefied natural gas at a higher price in Japan.

Or so you'd think. There's good reason why the oil and gas companies make billions in profits. They know how to work Congress, rig the deck and the energy acts, play the angles. I won't be surprised if the fix is, the dumbest generation shorn, the price of gas rising to unnatural highs.

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## **BLOG/ONLINE COVERAGE**

**The Week Ahead: Solyndra execs face Congress; House EPA attacks reach floor** – *The Hill, E2 Wire blog* – 9/19/11

By Ben Geman

What to watch for the week of Sept. 19:

The GOP's probe of the failed solar company Solyndra will stay in high gear this week when executives appear before a House Energy and Commerce Committee panel.

The panel is probing the Energy Department's \$535 million loan guarantee for the company — and in particular, the White House's involvement.

Solyndra went belly-up in late August and laid off 1,100 people. Republicans are alleging the White House rushed the 2009 financing for political purposes and are using Solyndra's collapse to attack President Obama's "green jobs" push.

Executives including CEO Brian Harrison are slated to appear before the Oversight and Investigations subcommittee on Friday.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Republicans are getting in on the act too — they have scheduled a Thursday hearing titled: "How Obama's Green Energy Agenda is Killing Jobs."

From the committee to the floor:

House Republicans are bringing legislation to the floor this week that would require new interagency analyses of the cumulative economic impact of various Environmental Protection Agency rules.

The bill would also delay new EPA rules to cut power plant emissions that blow across state lines and worsen ozone and particulate pollution, as well as upcoming mercury standards for power plants.

The House Rules Committee will meet Tuesday evening to set the ground rules for the floor debate. A final floor vote is expected Friday, according to a GOP leadership aide.

Other items to watch for during a busy week:

The Energy and Commerce Committee will begin marking up three bills Tuesday: a pair of measures to delay and soften EPA air toxics rules for industrial boilers and cement plants, and a pipeline safety bill.

The committee's Oversight and Investigations panel will hold a hearing Thursday on "EPA's Regulatory Planning, Analysis and Major Actions."

The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a Wednesday hearing on proposals to allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) is urging the bipartisan deficit supercommittee to open ANWR and other areas for offshore drilling as a way to raise revenue to help cut the federal deficit.

The Natural Resources Committee will hold a Friday hearing on the new Interior Department-U.S. Coast Guard report on the BP oil spill. The report placed heavy blame on BP for the 2010 disaster but also faults its major contractors: Deepwater Horizon rig owner Transocean and Halliburton, which did the cement job on BP's ill-fated Macondo well.

A House Foreign Affairs Committee panel meets Wednesday for a hearing about China's dominance in the production of rare earth minerals — which are used in several clean-energy technologies — and the implications for the U.S.

On Thursday a House Ways and Means Committee panel will hold a hearing on energy tax policy.

The hearing will explore a bill backed by billionaire oil-and-gas magnate T. Boone Pickens that would provide billions of dollars in tax incentives for conversion to natural gas in the nation's heavy trucking fleet.

Off Capitol Hill:

Later today, the federal Energy Information Administration will roll out its 2011 International Energy Outlook. The event will be held at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Also Monday, and also at CSIS, will be a forum on controversial development of natural gas through hydraulic fracturing.

The event will focus on the recent report by a panel of outside Energy Department advisers chaired by John Deutch, the MIT professor who was a top Energy Department official in the Carter administration

and CIA director in the Clinton administration. He is slated to appear at the event.

On Tuesday, federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Director Michael Bromwich will appear at a press briefing hosted by the energy news service Platts.

This week also brings the big RETECH 2011 conference on renewable energy, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

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