

## **Tuesday Lunch Speaker**

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### **"The Outlook for Energy: A View to 2040"**

#### Abstract

"Energy, in all its forms, is critical to economic growth, development and social welfare. From the most modern cities to the smallest communities in the developing world, reliable access to affordable energy is necessary to drive long-term economic and social progress. Global energy demand is expected to increase by approximately 35 percent in 2040, driving communities across the globe to focus on energy efficiency and greater diversification of energy supplies.

Evolving demand and supply patterns will open the door for increased global trade opportunities. Around 2030, the nations of North America will likely transition from a net importer to a net exporter of oil and oil-based products. This presentation will provide a long-term view of the world's energy future over the next three decades, highlighting changes in global demand, and how that demand will be met by various energy sources including natural gas, which is predicted to be the world's fastest-growing major energy source in future years."

#### Speaker Bio

Rob graduated from Louisiana State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and began working for Mobil Oil in Louisiana in a series of technical and supervisory engineering positions in gas plants along the United States Gulf Coast.

From 1987 to 1990, Rob moved to Mobil Natural Gas and began working in the new expanding natural gas marketing organization and took part in the growing deregulations of United States gas markets.

From 1990 to 2001, Rob began a series of international assignments in the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) marketing area. He held positions in Indonesia, Qatar, Japan and Singapore. During these assignments he was involved in LNG market development and sales.

At the end of 2001, Rob returned to the United States and began a series of management assignments in ExxonMobil's Gas and Power Marketing's Houston organization in both the domestic United States and International areas.

In April of 2009, Rob began his assignment in Exxon Mobil's Corporate Strategic Planning Department. The group that he manages is responsible for preparing Exxon Mobil's Energy Outlook.