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Women's Energy Summit set for September 2

Approximately 200 participants, including regulators, industry leaders, political officials and consumer representatives are expected to attend the Women's Energy Summit September 2 in Chicago. Illinois Commerce Commissioner Sherina E. Maye will host the second annual day-long event at The Mid-America Club located on the 80th floor of the Aon Center at 200 East Randolph Drive.

Women leaders at the top of their game will discuss key issues in the energy industry. The Summit will focus on pertinent topics including the outlook of women in C-suite level positions and how they rose to the top; the consumer perspective and changing energy consumption; and investing in the future of the energy industry. In addition to the day-long Summit, the main event is preceded by a half-day Rising Star Forum to recognize and uplift over 25 stellar, up and coming women energy professionals.

Commissioner Maye said her goal for this year's Summit is to "continue the conversation and solidify the role of women in shaping the future for this industry. Women provide a unique perspective and brain power to the industry and this Summit allows us to learn from one another, formulate ideas, and execute plans to fruition."

Distinguished morning and luncheon speakers include Colette Honorable, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti; and Brenda Mallory, General Counsel of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Additional speakers include some of the most well recognized leaders in the energy industry such as Anne Pramaggiore, President and CEO, Commonwealth Edison Company and Susan Story, President and CEO, American Water, among other key Executives, Commissioners, and Consumer Advocates.

The event is co-sponsored by Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Russell Reynolds Associates, Accenture, America's Natural Gas Alliance, Blaylock Beal Van, LLC, Osceola Consulting, Loop Capital, National Association of Water Companies, and Walmart.

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