ENERGY INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

May 7, 2026 ▪ 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ▪ Temple University

Convening for a Clean Energy Future

PURPOSE:

The PGW Energy Innovation Symposium convenes national experts for a public dialogue on Philadelphia's clean energy future.

Panels at this year's 3rd annual Symposium will explore complexities and opportunities across a range of topics, including how we energize our stadiums and arenas, decarbonize the hardest to electrify industries, learn from the latest geothermal case studies, and leverage our energy assets to drive regional economic growth.

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Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
PANEL #1: DECARBONIZING THE HARD-TO-ABATES

Aviation, maritime, heavy-duty transportation, and industrial operations will be among the most challenging of sectors to decarbonize. They all represent core aspects of modern society and there are no single, obvious solutions for eliminating their emissions today. This panel will delve into the current mix of options and constraints, and examine practical strategies for reducing emissions across these sectors.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
PANEL #2: GEOTHERMAL CASE STUDIES

Geothermal energy is not a new technology. However, we are seeing more projects demonstrating broader applications here in the US, including early stages of utility-scale geothermal network projects. This panel includes experts, on the ground, leading a range of geothermal project types. They will help us explore where and how geothermal may best thrive, current limitations, and the role it could play forward.

11:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
LUNCH & NETWORKING

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch Fireside Chat with Temple University President John Fry and PGW President & CEO Seth Shapiro

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
PANEL #3: ENERGY AS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE

Pennsylvania has incredible energy assets. As just one example, PA is the largest electricity generator in the PJM territory, exporting roughly a quarter of its electric generation. These strengths can help ensure affordable energy for our residents and businesses, and drive overall economic development. It's not clear whether we are best leveraging these assets to their greatest potential. This panel convenes perspectives from energy providers, project developers, and private industry to examine our current landscape, the factors that most drive business attraction and job creation, and how the public and private sectors can collaborate in propelling regional economic growth.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PANEL #4: ENERGIZING OUR STADIUMS & ARENAS

Our stadiums and arenas are where Philadelphians across all walks of life come together as a community to root, cheer, and sometimes mourn. They've hosted some of our most exciting moments, which we've shared with friends and family across generations. Many of us have spent countless hours there, though few likely think about the massive facilities themselves. They are engineering feats, involving substantial infrastructure and energy demands. These projects and major renovations only come along every so often and have the potential for outsized impacts. This panel will explore the latest trends in energizing these facilities, and the roles they can play in driving the next generation of energy solutions and economic development for the overall City.

3:50 p.m.
CLOSING REMARKS

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