



Energy-Efficiency Home Makeover Launches National '6 Degrees of Energy Efficiency Challenge'

Makeover of Inner-city DC Row House is First Step in Campaign to Connect Nation's Individuals, Communities in More Efficient Use of Energy

WASHINGTON, DC, November 15, 2006 --- From the inner-city of our nation's capital, to the small Midwestern suburbs, families across the nation continue to struggle with rising energy bills. Average U.S. households will pay nearly \$5,000 to power their homes and vehicles this year --- 32 percent greater than just two years ago. In fact, the Energy Information Administration estimates that America's families will spend an average of \$902 on heating their homes this winter.

Even as consumer pocket books are hit hard by these huge costs, all of that energy use --- much of it wasteful --- also is affecting the well-being of our families, our communities, our states, our country, and ultimately our world. From insulating an attic in the suburbs of Michigan to sealing cracks around the door and window frames of a Washington, D.C., row house, homeowners who take "small steps" to repair problems and save money also are collectively making a big difference for everyone.

To demonstrate the important connections between our individual energy use and the world's environment, economy and security, the Alliance to Save Energy, the American Gas Association (AGA), The Dow Chemical Company Inc., and 27 additional *Power is in Your Hands* partners today launched the "6° of Energy Efficiency Challenge" by making cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements to an old row house in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol owned by a family struggling to meet rising energy costs.

Speakers at the home energy-efficiency makeover event included: Alliance President **Kateri Callahan**; **Mark Pryor**, U.S. Senator from Arkansas and Alliance Chair; **Jon Wellinghoff**, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; **Peter Molinaro**, VP for Government Affairs, Dow; **Roger Cooper**, Executive VP for Policy and Planning, AGA; **Red Cavaney**, President and CEO, American Petroleum Institute; and **Mike Calkins**, Manager of AAA Approved Auto Repair.

The energy-efficiency home makeover marks the first step in connecting the important collective benefits that will come from families and communities across the U.S. who "take the challenge" and begin to save energy and thereby help the world. Taking the challenge is easy to do on the interactive 6° Challenge Web site, www.sixdegreechallenge.org.

With a simple click of a mouse, the 6° Challenge Web site will:

- Inform consumers that increasing and wasteful energy use affects six key areas of our lives -- the energy prices we pay at the pump and in our homes, our home comfort, the air we breathe and our respiratory health, our energy security, our economic well-being, and the world we leave behind.
- Provide consumers with six easy energy-efficiency tips they can implement in their own homes and vehicles.
- Challenge them to take at least one of those six easy steps.
- Provide money-saving coupons for energy-efficient products.
- Encourage consumers to then challenge six friends and family members to become part of a global community by taking the Challenge and sharing their stories.

“Energy efficiency is for everyone,” said Alliance President Kateri Callahan. “We’re conducting a makeover of a needy family’s home to demonstrate many of the easy things consumers can do to start saving energy and money today. The *Power is in Your Hands* partners, which include 30 companies, government agencies, trade associations, environmental groups, and others, are committing their time and resources to teaching consumers how to take individual steps to not only save themselves money, but also by doing so to improve their communities and the world by advancing energy efficiency. This campaign uniquely links tens to hundreds of thousands of people together to leverage individual action for the greater good.”

Today’s energy-efficiency home makeover illustrated several steps consumers can take to save energy in their own homes and cut their energy bills, including:

- Conducting a home energy audit and a blower door test to determine the air-tightness of the home (demonstrated by CMC Energy Services).
- Air-sealing the home to stop air leakage through hidden holes, gaps and cracks (demonstrated with Dow’s GREAT STUFF foam sealant).
- Insulating the home, which not only makes the home more efficient, but also makes consumers eligible for the 2006-2007 federal energy-efficiency income tax credit (demonstrated by Knauf Insulation).
- Installing an ENERGY STAR-labeled programmable thermostat to efficiently moderate climate control (demonstrated by Honeywell which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the programmable thermostat).
- Installing several “winterizing” products like door sweeps and weather-stripping (demonstrated by Niagara Conservation).
- Replacing regular light bulbs with ENERGY STAR-labeled compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), energy-efficient alternatives that last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs (demonstrated by OSRAM SYLVANIA).
- Providing certificates for vehicle energy-efficiency improvements. Following AAA’s Gas Watcher Guide[®], a compendium of practical tips that help motorists save fuel by slowing down, avoiding gas-guzzling accelerations and paying attention to your tires, filters and vehicle maintenance schedules. (API and AAA will jointly provide vehicle energy-efficiency improvements)

The D.C. row house made over today has been in the Robinson/Fauntroy family for three generations and is currently occupied by the grandchildren of the original owner and owned by their two aunts and uncle. These children, who have lost their father, grandmother, and mother, moved three years ago from their family home to this home next door and remain there as they strive to make their childhood home livable once again. They are simultaneously paying utility bills for both homes and taxes on their original family home. With winter coming, they, like so many other families, face staggering energy bills, which these efficiency improvements will help to lower.

“In a time when we’re constantly reminded of how overwhelming our nation’s energy challenges are today, we often feel as though we can’t or won’t make a difference. That’s why I’m a strong believer in this campaign. The entire focus is based on how simple, individual actions can add up to make a big difference,” Pryor said. “As we embark upon the new Congress, I’m looking forward to working with the Alliance to build a comprehensive approach that encourages improved energy efficiency from farms to factories and homes to headquarters.”

“Natural gas utilities want households to know there are plenty of simple steps they can take to lower their home heating bills this winter, from adding weather-stripping, to checking the efficiency of their furnaces, or spreading out their winter bills by signing up with their local utility for a level-payment program. ‘*Six Degrees of Energy Efficiency*’ truly does put the power in the hands of the consumer,” said David N. Parker, President and CEO of AGA. “Natural gas utilities are proud to be a part of this campaign.”

“Every consumer has a part to play in energy efficiency,” said Dow’s Peter Molinaro. “We are proud to support the 6° of Energy Efficiency Challenge because it demonstrates that each person's energy use has a much wider impact. By linking us all together, we help turn small steps into big change.”

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The Alliance to Save Energy is a coalition of prominent business, government, environmental, and consumer leaders who promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide to benefit consumers, the environment, economy, and national security.

The Power is in Your Hands campaign is designed to arm consumers with information and tools to manage their home energy bills; inform them about the connection between household energy use and energy prices; and inspire them to use energy efficiency to reduce their energy and thereby enhance the nation’s energy security.

Phase 1 was launched in winter 2005 with 23 business, government, and nonprofit partners. The Phase 2 2006-7 winter campaign has grown to 30 partners taking a creative new approach with the 6° of Energy Efficiency Challenge.

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Energy Efficiency Home Makeover
From Small to Large, These Makeover steps can be done by ANY homeowner

Today, the Alliance to Save Energy and its 29 Power is in Your Hands partners unveiled the energy-efficiency makeover of an inner-city DC row house, to launch the “6° of Energy Efficiency Challenge.” The makeover demonstrates that you DON’T have to be a millionaire to improve your home and make it more energy-efficient and your energy bills more affordable. These steps, both small and large, make a difference not only to your home, but to your neighborhood, your town, your state, your country, and ultimately your world.

Before we did anything, **CMC Energy Services** conducted an energy audit and a blower door test on the home. These easy and affordable evaluations helped to determine the air-tightness of the home. Armed with the knowledge of how much needed to be done, we got to work.

The **Dow Chemical Company** provided their aptly-named GREAT STUFF sealant to seal up hidden holes, gaps and cracks, stopping those mysterious drafts that make you cold, and drive up your energy bills.

Knauf Insulation then stepped up to the plate to provide all new insulation to the home, which not only makes the home more efficient, but also makes consumers eligible for the 2006-2007 federal energy-efficiency income tax credit.

Niagara Conservation donated several “winterizing” products that anyone can install – products like door sweeps, which seal off drafts and wasted energy from the outside doors; and weather-stripping to close off gaps around windows. Niagara also donated energy-efficient torchiere lamps, providing “warm” light to the home’s environment, without the excessive heat, wasted energy and fire hazard of traditional halogen lamps.

To light those lamps, as well as the many table lamps already in the family’s home, **OSRAM SYLVANIA** provided several ENERGY STAR-labeled compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Replacing regular light bulbs with CFL’s, provides energy-efficient alternatives that last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs

But whether winter or summer, one of the keys to energy efficiency is smart climate control. That’s why **Honeywell** donated its easy-to-install, (and now 100-years old!!!), ENERGY STAR-labeled programmable thermostat to efficiently moderate climate control.

Lastly, to heat the family’s water more efficiently, **Rinnai** donated a Tank less Hot Water Heater.

Energy efficiency extends from the home to the driveway so both the **American Petroleum Institute (API)** and the **American Automobile Association (AAA)** donated certificates for tune-ups to the family’s car and the car of their Pastor..

As the Fauntroy family begins to restore their home to the way they remember it from their childhood, the Alliance and its partners are honored to help them take the first energy- and money- saving steps to prevent energy waste in the family home they will eventually return to. Therefore, the following products were also donated to be used in that home’s new bathroom:

- Water-Efficient Shower-Head from **Niagara Conservation**
- Water-Efficient Toilet from **Niagara Conservation**

- Energy-Efficient Exhaust Fan for the Bathroom, from **Panasonic**

Fauntroy Family Story: Struggling to Stay Together and Pay Utility Bills

They grew up next door to each other in the shadow of the nation's Capitol in two row houses at 56 and 58 Channing St NW. Neighbors Rozelle Taylor and Gregory Fauntroy fell in love, moved into one of the row houses on Channing Street, and raised four children there together. Now all that's left of the parents are well-worn family photos from years past -- lovingly kept and assembled on a dining room table by their offspring.

Their children, Jernise, Gregory and Tia Fauntroy and their older sister Ebonie Taylor, grew up at 58 Channing Street in Northwest Washington, D.C. Three generations of their family have lived in the turn-of-the-century row home, and their extended family fills three more houses on the same block.

Their father passed away 12 years ago, and after their mother passed away suddenly in 2004, Tia, Gregory, and Jernise, now 18, 20, and 22 years old, moved next door to what once was their grandmother's house before she, too, died. That home, also in the family for three generations, is now owned by their aunt, Pastor Frances Robinson and her siblings.

Even as they struggle to get their young lives in order, the Fauntroy children juggle the utilities for the aunt's house, where they currently live, while scraping together money to also cover utilities, taxes, and building supplies to restore their childhood home.

Since money is tight and Gregory has some experience in home renovation, they are doing all the work on their own at the home where they grew up. They hope to have the majority of the work done this winter in time for the arrival of Gregory's baby daughter – so that she can be the fourth generation to live at 58 Channing Street.

But while they take on the enormous task of restoring the home where they grew up, they still face the daily challenge of paying the bills at 56 Channing Street.

So that they won't be hit with sky-high heating bills this winter for two homes, the Alliance to Save Energy, American Gas Association, The Dow Chemical Company, and 27 other *Power Is in Your Hands* campaign partners and product donors are giving their current home – 56 Channing Street – an energy-efficiency makeover and also helping them to take the first energy- and money-saving steps to prevent energy waste in their family home – 58 Channing Street – as they repair it.



Energy-Efficiency Home Makeover Product Donors

CMC Energy Services, Inc

- Energy Audit and Blower door test (Conducted by NSpects)

The Dow Chemical Company

- GREAT STUFF polyurethane foam sealant (Installed by NSpects)

Knauf Insulation

- Insulation

Honeywell

- ENERGY STAR labeled Programmable thermostat

Niagara Conservation

- Door sweeps, weather-stripping, energy-efficient torchiere lamps and a water-efficient showerhead and toilet

OSRAM Sylvania

- ENERGY STAR labeled Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs

Rinnai Tank less Water Heater Corporation

- Tank less hot water heater

Panasonic

- Energy-efficient exhaust fan

AAA

- Certificate for Energy-efficient automotive tune-up

American Petroleum Institute

- Certificate for Energy-efficient automotive tune-up



The Power Is in Your Hands Campaign Partners

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AAA

Alliance to Save Energy

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

American Gas Association

American Petroleum Institute

Association of Energy and Environmental Real Estate Professionals

Association of State Energy Research and Technology Transfer Institutions

Bank of America

Business Roundtable

CMC Energy Services, Inc.

The Dow Chemical Company

Duke Energy

Edison Electric Institute

Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Knauf Insulation

National Association for State Community Services Programs

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of State Energy Officials

Niagara Conservation

National Fuel Funds Network

Natural Resources Defense Council

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

OSRAM Sylvania

Rinnai Tankless Water Heater Corporation

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Green Building Council

KATERI CALLAHAN
President
Alliance to Save Energy

Kateri Callahan brings more than 20 years of experience in policy advocacy, fundraising, coalition building, and organizational management to the presidency of the Alliance to Save Energy, one of the world's premier nonprofit organizations promoting energy efficiency. Prior to becoming president of the Alliance in January 2004, Callahan was head of the Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA), a Washington-based international nonprofit coalition of industry, government, academia, and nonprofit organizations, for 11 years.

Since assuming the Alliance presidency, Callahan has spearheaded development of an ambitious five-year strategic plan, Vision 2010, which addresses increased energy efficiency in the transportation, buildings, industrial, and power supply sectors. The plan promotes energy-efficiency policies that could reduce the predicted increase in U.S. energy demand by about 10 percent by 2010 and about 15 percent by 2025. Callahan also reorganized the Alliance's staff to reflect and implement the strategic plan.

Callahan oversees the Alliance's key mission of promoting energy efficiency worldwide to achieve a healthier economy, a cleaner environment, and greater energy security. She leads a staff of more than 50 and oversees an annual budget of \$9 million that supports energy-efficiency projects, research, educational programs, policy advocacy, and communications and marketing; promotes technology development and deployment; and builds public-private partnerships.

Callahan has become a sought-after spokesperson for the Alliance and energy efficiency with major media, including The New York Times, Associated Press, Reuters, CNN News Source, CNN Radio, National Public Radio, AP Radio, and ABC Radio and has addressed major organizations including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Realtors, the United States Energy Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of State Energy Officials, the National Insulation Association, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the Mexico-based Asociación de Empresas para el Ahorro de la Energía en la Edificación (Association of Businesses to Save Energy in Buildings). Callahan is also a member of the boards of directors of Keystone Energy Services Inc. and the Business Council for a Sustainable Economy.

Callahan has focused her career around policy issues with an emphasis on energy, environment, and natural resources. Prior to her tenure with EDTA, Callahan served four years on the staff of a U.S. senator; two years as director of federal and government relations for a nonprofit group advocating reform of U.S. immigration laws; and six years at the law firm of Van Ness Feldman, where she filled various management and advocacy roles for a number of the firm's important coalition clients.

THE HONORABLE MARK PRYOR
United States Senate

On January 7, 2003, Mark Lunsford Pryor was sworn in as Arkansas' 33rd senator. As a candidate, he pledged to be a strong voice for the people of Arkansas – one who would always put their interests first. As a U.S. Senator, he works every day to fulfill that promise.

Since arriving in Washington, Pryor has worked with both Democrats and Republicans to put partisan differences aside and pass meaningful legislation for our nation. These efforts have resulted in several Pryor initiatives becoming law. He has also, through bipartisan cooperation, been able to secure crucial funding for Arkansas military installations and promote a variety of state interests including Little Rock Central High School and the historic Hot Springs Bath Houses.

Pryor spent much of his first two years in office fighting for military personnel and their families. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee in the 108th Congress, he promised our soldiers that while they were away protecting us, he would be in Washington protecting them. Keeping this promise in mind, Pryor introduced and successfully passed the Tax Relief for Americans in Combat Act, which allows soldiers collecting combat pay to also take full advantage of other tax provisions, such as the Child Tax Credit.

In 2004, Congress also passed Senator Pryor's SACRIFICE Act which helps families receive more timely and reliable medical information from the Department of Defense when their loved ones are injured in combat. Additionally, the legislation calls for funding increases to help military medical units provide our soldiers with the best care possible when they are wounded on the battlefield.

Senator Pryor is also focusing his attention on expanding economic opportunities in Arkansas. As a new member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee he is working to prepare Arkansas to meet the transportation, technology and communications challenges we will face in the 21st century. As part of this role, Pryor was selected to serve as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety and Insurance. This leadership position allows him to continue the work he started as Arkansas Attorney General – protecting consumers and businesses from the dishonest and corrupt.

Pryor continues to serve on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee where he works with the Department of Homeland Security to protect the nation from the threat of domestic terrorism. He also fights to ensure that local governments, especially in rural America, are given the training and resources they need to keep their communities safe.

As a member of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, the Senator proudly promotes the interests of those enterprises he calls "Arkansas' economic backbone." He has worked to bolster minority business ownership, increase investment in rural areas and ensure that those who live on Main Street share in the financial successes of Wall Street.

Pryor was first elected to public office in 1990 as a member of the Arkansas State House of Representatives. In 1998 he was elected Arkansas' Attorney General, making him the youngest chief law-enforcement officer in the nation. Pryor proved early on in his career that people matter more to him than politics. He worked with and listened to all interests to help make Arkansas a better place to live, work and raise a family. Pryor worked with Democrats and Republicans to toughen laws against drunk drivers, enact legislation to protect children on the Internet and to put in place the Morgan Nick Alert System, which helps to locate missing and exploited children.

Pryor was born in Fayetteville on January 10, 1963 and grew up in both Arkansas and the Washington D.C. area. He received a B.A. in History and his law degree from the University of Arkansas and worked in private legal practice for over ten years. He and his wife, Jill, have a son and a daughter, Adams and Porter.

JON WELLINGHOFF
Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff was nominated by President Bush, and sworn into office on July 31, 2006, by U.S. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

Before coming to the Commission, Mr. Wellinghoff was a shareholder with a Nevada law firm. He has concentrated his practice in the fields of energy law and utility regulation for the past thirty years. In addition to representing clients before the Nevada Commission where his regulatory practice was primarily focused, he also has represented clients before the regulatory commissions of California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona (Corporation Commission), Washington (UTC), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has testified as an expert witness on behalf of clients in utility regulatory matters in Nevada, Texas, and the District of Columbia, and was retained as a consultant to the staff of the Oregon Commission. He has also advised the staffs of the Missouri, Minnesota, New York, and Georgia Commissions.

Before joining the law firm of Beckley Singleton, Mr. Wellinghoff's utility practice included several public sector positions. He was Administrative Assistant to the Honorable Evo Granata, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, and participated in numerous natural gas and electric rate cases before the Nevada Commission with Commissioner Granata. Mr. Wellinghoff was then appointed by the Attorney General of Nevada to serve as the state's first Consumer Advocate for Customers of Public Utilities. While Consumer Advocate, Mr. Wellinghoff represented Nevada's utility consumers before the Nevada Commission, the FERC, and in appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court. He served two terms as Consumer Advocate, and personally participated in dozens of complex utility rate and regulatory matters on behalf of Nevada Consumers. While Consumer Advocate, Mr. Wellinghoff authored one of the first comprehensive state utility integrated planning statutes and successfully lobbied that statute through the Nevada legislature. The statute became a model for utility integrated planning processes across the country and companion statutes were eventually adopted in seventeen other states. The last public sector position that Mr. Wellinghoff held was as Staff Counsel to the Nevada Public Utilities Commission. In that position he was lead counsel in the merger proceeding between Nevada's two largest utilities, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Power Company.

Mr. Wellinghoff has also served as a Staff Attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, Energy and Product Information Division, Washington, D.C., from 1978 to 1979. In 1978 he was a Staff Counsel for the United States Senate Commerce Committee, Consumer Subcommittee, in Washington, D.C. He was a Deputy District Attorney in the Consumer Fraud Division for Washoe County District Attorney's Office in Reno, Nevada from 1976 to 1977.

Born: May 30, 1949.

Education: Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C., JD, 1975; Howard University, Washington, D.C., M.A.T., Mathematics, 1972; and University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, BS, Mathematics, 1971.

Profession: Lawyer.

RED CAVANEY
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Petroleum Institute (API)

Prior to joining API in 1997, Cavaney was involved in association management for fourteen years as president and CEO of three other trade associations: the American Plastics Council (APC), the American Forest and Paper Association (AFPA), and the American Paper Institute (API). Earlier, he served as president and CEO of Irvine, CA-based Ericson Yachts, a major U.S. yacht manufacturer, and as a senior member of the White House staffs of U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, and Richard Nixon.

Cavaney is a director of API, The United States Energy Association, Rebuilding Together, Strategic Partnerships LLC, and Buckeye Technologies, Inc. (NYSE). He is also a former director of the boards of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), among others. He has served as chairman of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), the Associations Division of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the NAM Council of Manufacturing Associations. Cavaney also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Center for Excellence in Education.

Cavaney has earned a Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation, was named 1997 Association Executive of the Year by *Association Trends* magazine, and is the recipient of the 2005 Bryce Harlow Foundation Business-Government Relations Award and the 2006 ASAE Key Award. He is a 1964 NROTC graduate in Economics and History from the University of Southern California, served three tours of combat duty in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged with the rank of U.S. Navy Lieutenant in 1969. He resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

PETER A. MOLINARO
Vice President, Federal and State Government Affairs
Dow Chemical Company

Peter Molinaro is Vice President of Federal and State Government Affairs for The Dow Chemical Company based in Washington, D.C. He was named to this position in August of 2003. He previously served as Director of Federal Government Affairs responsible for advocacy on federal energy policy and environmental health and safety related to operations. In his current position, Molinaro is responsible for supervision of federal and state government affairs professionals, advocacy management and maintaining relationships with national political and governmental organizations. He continues to lead the company's advocacy efforts on U.S. energy policy.

Prior to joining Dow, Peter was Assistant Director of Government Affairs for Union Carbide Corporation. He is a 1997 recipient of the Union Carbide Chairman's Award in the category of Environmental Excellence for his advocacy work on the Land Disposal Program Flexibility Act of 1996.

After beginning his career in local government, he joined Union Carbide in 1981 as Manager of Community Affairs and then spent several years as Regional Manager of Public Affairs, responsible for state government relations in the northeast.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, The Business-Government Relations Council and chairs the Federal Government Affairs Committee of the American Chemistry Council.

He holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Hartford and a Bachelors degree in Political Science from Central Connecticut State University.

A native of Danbury, Connecticut, he currently resides in Oakton, Virginia, with his wife Peggy and daughters Katie and Virginia.

ROGER B. COOPER
Executive Vice President, Policy and Planning
American Gas Association

Roger Cooper is executive vice president for policy and planning for the American Gas Association, which represents 195 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas to more than 56 million homes, businesses and industries throughout the United States. AGA's primary roles are to advocate the interests of its natural gas utility members and their customers and to provide information and services promoting operational excellence in the safe, reliable and cost-competitive delivery of natural gas.

Roger has previously served at AGA as its acting president, as senior vice president for government relations, group vice president for government relations and policy analysis, and as deputy general counsel.

Prior to joining AGA in 1986, Roger was in private practice where he represented a number of local natural gas distribution companies.

He holds a J.D. with high honors from Georgetown University Law Center, an M.A. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. from Hiram College.

He is a frequent speaker on energy and natural gas issues.

MICHAEL CALKINS
Manager
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Mike Calkins is national manager of the AAA Approved Auto Repair program which independently inspects and approves quality repair facilities as a service to AAA members and the general public. In this position, he works with over 60 AAA and CAA clubs in the U.S. and Canada to administer a network of nearly 7,800 dealer-owned and independently-operated repair facilities. Mike oversaw the AAA Approved Auto Repair program at the AAA-affiliated Inland Automobile Association in Washington State for seven years before joining the AAA National Office in Heathrow, Fla.

Calkins has more than 30 years of experience in the automotive industry. Starting as a technician in 1975, he is the author of automotive vocational textbooks, has published numerous articles on auto service and technology, and is frequently interviewed by media on automotive service and technology topics. Calkins has an AAS in Applied Science (auto mechanics), and a BA with a double major in English and religion. He holds current ASE certification as a Master Automobile Technician with additional certification in Advanced Emission Controls.