

In Reaction to...

The Grand Energy Transition

“In *The Grand Energy Transition*, Robert Hefner makes a compelling and persuasive case that our country’s economic, environmental, and national security demands the rapid transformation of the global economy from a high-carbon model to a low-carbon one. Drawing on a wealth of firsthand experience in the national energy policy debate and in the energy industry itself, Hefner traces the history of the world’s energy use, points us toward where we need to go next, and demonstrates how natural gas and clean renewable sources of energy can play critical roles in getting us there.”

--**JOHN PODESTA**, President and CEO, Center for American Progress

“If you care about the future, you must read this book.”

--**TED TURNER**, founder, CNN, and Chairman, Turner Enterprises

“*The Grand Energy Transition* offers a compelling yet practical vision for solving the world's energy problems. Robert Hefner has broken the mold of conventional wisdom by arguing that the road to a low-carbon future is lined with natural gas--and by persuasively refuting the widely held assumption that "clean" coal will prove an economically viable alternative.”

--**CHRISTOPHER FLAVIN**, President, Worldwatch Institute, Washington, D.C.

“For years, Robert Hefner challenged the conventional wisdom in industry and government regarding natural gas reserves and production potential. His position was treated with skepticism, when it was not dismissed out of hand. Yet, time has proved him right, particularly as shale gas has contributed to a 9% jump in domestic production in just this last year. He was proved right on the Fuel Use Act. Some of his propositions regarding the (unavoidable) energy transition will be questioned, but they surely should no longer be dismissed out of hand.”

--**JAMES R. SCHLESINGER**, economist and former U.S. Secretary of Energy, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and former CIA Director

“This work, written by someone with a long and distinguished career in the energy business, is a very thoughtful and practical account of how the world can move to abundant energy which is clean and sustainable. It shows that low-carbon growth across the world can become a reality in the next few decades. This is a very important book.”

--**NICHOLAS STERN, LORD STERN OF BRENTFORD, KT, FBA**. IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, London School of Economics

“As a successful businessman and international real estate developer, I know the economic and environmental importance of energy. Robert Hefner, with over fifty years of hands-on experience in the complex world of energy production, consumption, and politics has written a groundbreaking book that cuts through the confusion and shows us a clear, common sense path forward. His concept that *The Grand Energy Transition* is choosing the energy winners is critically important. America does not have time for energy losers.”

--**DONALD J. TRUMP**

“Robert Hefner’s excellent book is an important contribution to today’s historic debate on our energy future. It is even more valuable coming from a longstanding practitioner.”

--**JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.**, former Governor of Utah; currently U.S. Ambassador to China

“I first met Robert Hefner in 1994. We talked about his conviction that natural gas was the energy source of the future and that left a deep impression on me. It was then a minority view, one might even say, a fringe view. He has since been proved right. He saw ahead of most others a trend that has a far-reaching impact on how human society is organized. Like all living things, access to abundant energy and the efficient use of that energy decide which society will succeed in war and peace. Societies which respond earliest enjoy a major advantage.”

--**GEORGE Y.B. YEO**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

“How do we get from dirty, finite and unsustainable fuels to sustainable life and growth on Planet Earth? Robert Hefner III makes a fascinating and readable case for gas as our bridge fuel to a sustainable future. As he argues, energy use will bring civilization together or tear it apart.”

--**JOSEPH S. NYE, JR.**, University Distinguished Service Professor, Harvard and author of *The Powers to Lead*

“Robert Hefner has been right over the years on gas supply while many energy ‘experts’ have been suspicious, wrong, and not adequately attentive to the data and technical possibilities. Accordingly, his vision about the future role of natural gas deserves serious consideration. He is almost certainly right that natural gas will play a much larger role than previously thought.”

--**JOHN DEUTCH**, Professor, Department of Chemistry, MIT; and former director CIA, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Director of Energy Research, Department of Energy

“In *The Grand Energy Transition (The GET)*, Robert Hefner III describes how the world can make a one-time evolutionary step from the unsustainable current and projected global energy mix to ‘virtually limitless clean gaseous energy sources’. Some energy experts might be dismissive about Hefner’s vision, but this author did not arrive at his conclusion in a vacuum. A third generation successful wildcatter and natural gas producer, Hefner has a history of proving the skeptics in the industry wrong. For decades, he argued against the US government and industry pessimism about the future of US natural gas production capacity and once again he has proved his critics wrong. I know of no other person who has consistently been so right about natural gas abundance. US natural gas production has grown an astonishing 20 percent in the past five years due to the development of non-conventional natural gas at half the landed price of LNG in Asia. This well written book, laced with interesting quotations from scholars, statesmen and philosophers, should be read by open-minded energy experts, policy makers and the public at large.”

--**DR. HERMAN FRANSSEN**, President, International Energy Associates Inc; and past Chief Economist of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris

ABOUT ROBERT A. HEFNER III - Robert A. Hefner III is Founder and Owner of GHK Exploration, a private natural gas company headquartered in Oklahoma City. He pioneered ultradeep natural gas exploration and production. GHK led the development of innovative technology needed to successfully drill and produce many of the world's deepest and highest pressure natural gas wells, setting many industry world records along the way. In the 1970s, Hefner was a leader in the industry's successful efforts to deregulate the price of natural gas. These technological and political accomplishments led to the development of vast new domestic natural gas resources. Since the 1980s, Hefner has pursued his interest in China in the areas of energy, foreign affairs, and contemporary Chinese art (www.hefnercollection.com). He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, a member of Singapore’s International Advisory Panel (IAP) on Energy, and a Member of the International Council at the Belfer Center at Harvard. He is an Advisory Director of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) and has established the Hefner Initiative on Energy and National Security at CNAS. Hefner and his wife MeiLi initiated and support the Hefner China Fund which has brought rising young Chinese government officials to study in the fields of energy, culture and foreign policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and the National University of Singapore’s Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. He holds a Petroleum Geology degree from the University of Oklahoma. The hardcover edition of Hefner’s book *The Grand Energy Transition* was published September 2009 by John Wiley & Sons (see www.The-GET.com).