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By Jack Fitzpatrick

Today's Washington Brief

- President-elect Donald Trump announced he will nominate Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex Tillerson to be secretary of State. (The New York Times)
- Sources say Trump has chosen former Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R) to run the Department of Energy. (CBS News)
- Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) met with Trump and is being considered to lead the Department of the Interior. (Billings Gazette)

Today's Business Brief

- The Block Island wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island began producing energy on Monday. (The Associated Press)
- The OPEC deal to cut oil production will create a supply deficit in the first half of 2017, according to the International Energy Agency. (Bloomberg News)
- State-owned China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. will raise $3.3 billion by selling a 50 percent stake in a gas pipeline to two other state-owned companies. (The Wall Street Journal)

Today's Chart Review

This interactive map shows why renewables and natural gas are taking over the US
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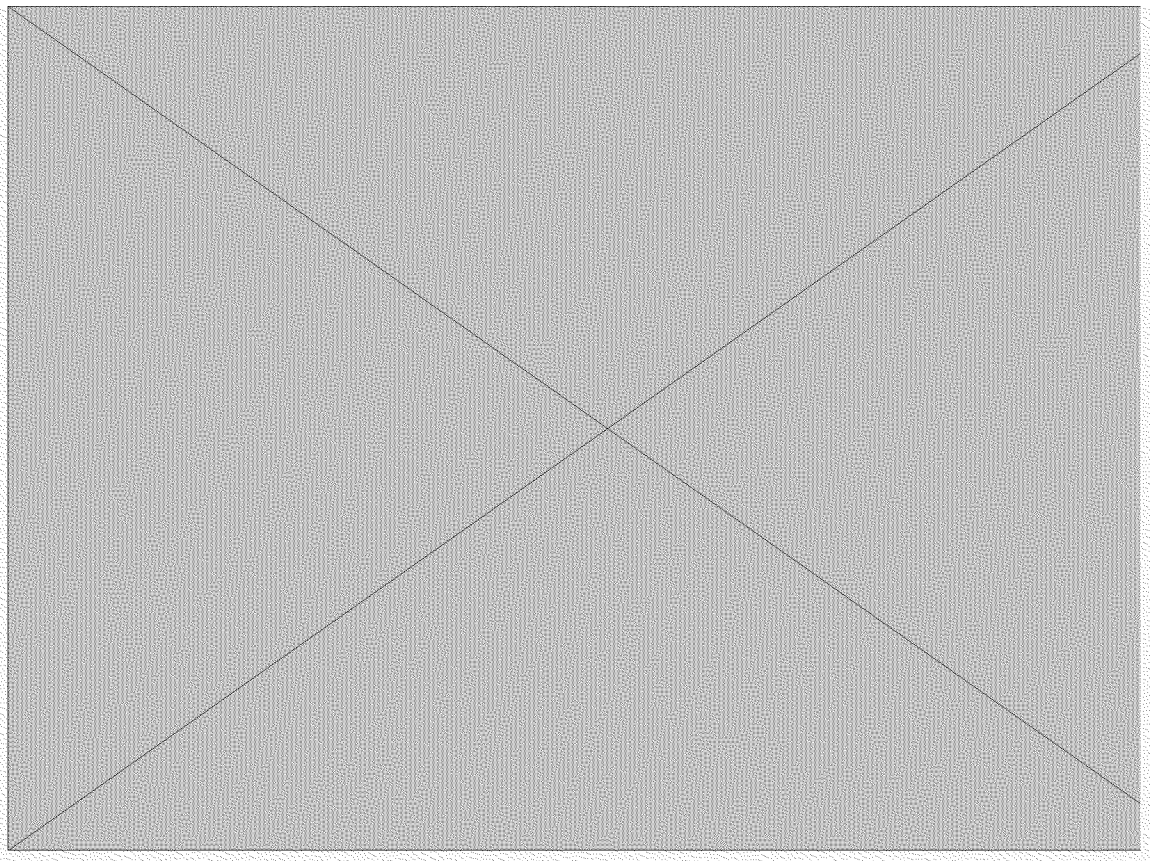

Mark Your Calendars (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday

ITIF discussion on Trump energy policies	9 a.m.
CSIS discussion with OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo	9:30 a.m.
Third Way town hall with Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz	3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

No events scheduled

Thursday

Columbia University discussion with OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo	9:30 a.m.

Friday

No events scheduled

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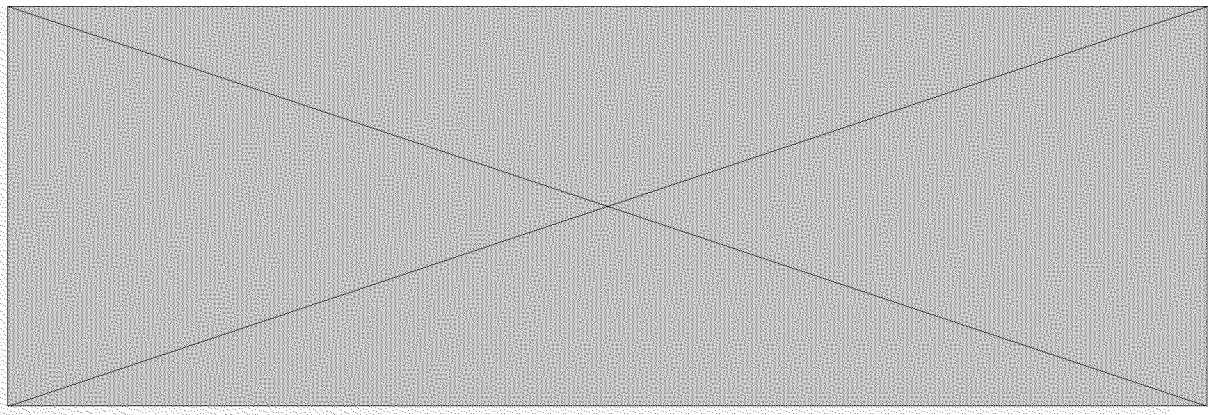

General

Rex Tillerson, Exxon C.E.O., Chosen as Secretary of State
Michael D. Shear and Maggie Haberman, The New York Times

President-elect Donald J. Trump on Tuesday officially selected Rex W. Tillerson, the chief executive of Exxon Mobil, to be his secretary of state. In saying he will nominate Mr. Tillerson, the president-elect is dismissing bipartisan concerns the globe-trotting leader of an energy giant has a too-cozy relationship with Vladimir V. Putin, the president of Russia.

Donald Trump chooses Rick Perry to be energy secretary
Major Garrett, CBS News

Donald Trump has selected Rick Perry to be energy secretary, according to two sources directly involved in the transition and selection process. He had been summoned to Trump Tower for a meeting Monday to discuss the position after having been contacted over the weekend.

Zinke and Trump have 'positive meeting' in New York Monday
Tom Lutey, Billings Gazette

Montana's lone congressman, Ryan Zinke, met with President-elect Donald Trump today in New York City. Zinke is in the mix for one of a handful of Cabinet positions that include the departments of the Interior and Veterans Affairs, Fox News has reported

Staffers who work on climate issues fear 'witch hunt'
Robin Bravender, Greenwire

A Trump transition memo asking for the names of government staffers who attended climate change meetings is sending shock waves across the

workforce. Employees in energy and environmental agencies - many of whom are already wary of how a Trump administration will deal with their work - were even more nervous last week after seeing a list of leaked questions from the Energy Department transition team.

Judge cancels deposition of AG [illegible] Exxon climate change case
Laurel J. Sweet, Boston Herald

A federal judge in Texas has canceled tomorrow's Dallas deposition of Attorney General Maura Healey by attorneys for Exxon Mobil in a controversial climate change case. U.S. District Court Judge Ed Kinkeade's one-sentence order provides no explanation for the abrupt reversal of his own ruling Friday that Healey's deposition would go forward, nor did he reschedule the courtroom showdown.

Investment Funds Worth Trillion [illegible] ping Fossil Fuel Stocks
John Schwartz, The New York T[illegible]

Investors controlling more than $5 trillion in assets have committed to dropping some or all fossil fuel stocks from their portfolios, according to a new report tracking the trend. The report, released Monday, said the new total was twice the amount measured 15 months ago - a remarkable rise for a movement that began on American college campuses in 2011.

Stocks Rally as Italian Banks Li[illegible] en Falls Before Fed
Cecile Gutscher and Sofia Horta[illegible] loomberg News

Global stocks advanced, and the yen fell, amid optimism the Federal Reserve's meeting this week won't unsettle markets as the central bank boosts interest rates to reflect a strengthening economy. Italian equities and bonds surged on bank recapitalization plans.

Oil & Natural Gas

OPEC Deal to Create Oil-Supply [illegible] t Half, IEA Says
Grant Smith, Bloomberg News

Global oil markets will swing from surplus to deficit in the first half of 2017 as OPEC and other producers follow through on an agreement to cut supply, according to the International Energy Agency. Oil stockpiles will decline by about 600,000 barrels a day in the next six months as curbs by OPEC and its partners take effect, said the agency, which had previously assumed inventories wouldn't drop until the end of 2017.

Oil hits highest since mid-2015 [illegible]EC cut agreement
David Gaffen, Reuters

Oil rose to an 18-month high on Monday after OPEC and some of its rivals reached their first deal since 2001 to jointly reduce output to tackle global oversupply, though prices slipped late in the day. On Saturday, producers from outside the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, led by Russia, agreed to reduce output by 558,000 barrels per day, short of the target of 600,000 bpd but still the largest non-OPEC contribution ever.

Eni sells 30% stake in Egyptian [illegible] Rosneft
James Politi and Jack Farchy, F[illegible]nes

Eni on Monday unveiled an agreement to sell a 30 per cent stake in a giant gasfield off the coast of Egypt to Rosneft for $1.1bn, as Italy's largest energy company seeks to cash in one of its biggest recent discoveries. The deal with Russia's largest energy group follows a similar agreement struck last month by Eni, when it sold a 10 per cent stake in the same gasfield to BP for $375m.

Utilities & Infrastructure

Sinopec to Sell 50% Pipeline Sta[illegible] Billion
Brian Spegele, The Wall Street J[illegible]

China moved to inject fresh life into its bid to use more cleaner-burning natural gas over polluting coal as state-owned energy giant China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. said Monday it would raise $3.3 billion in fresh capital from the sale of a major pipeline stake. The state-owned oil-and-gas company, known as Sinopec, said in a filing with the Hong Kong stock exchange that it planned to sell a 50% stake in its Sichuan to East China gas pipeline to two other state-owned companies, part of a wider reform push being touted by the government.

Regulator warns that guarantee [illegible] may come at a cost
Andrew Ward, Financial Times

UK consumers may be forced to pay extra to guarantee supplies of electricity as the increase in intermittent renewable power creates a less reliable system, a top regulator has warned. Andrew Wright, a senior partner at Ofgem and former interim chief executive, said Britain could be moving towards a two-tier power market in which some households paid for reliability while their neighbours "sit in the dark".

APS selects AES to install 4 MW [redacted] to support utility-owned solar pilot
Peter Maloney, UtilityDive

Arizona Public Service is installing 4 MW of AES Energy Storage batteries in Surprise and Buckeye, Arizona. The installations will support APS' utility-owned rooftop solar pilot - the Solar Partner Program (SPP) - through which 1,600 customers receive monthly bill credits for APS solar installed on their houses.

Renewables

1st US offshore wind farm open [redacted] Island's coast
Jennifer McDermott, The Assoc[redacted]

The nation's first offshore wind farm has opened off the coast of Rhode Island, ushering in a new era in the U.S. for the industry. Deepwater Wind built five turbines 3 miles off Block Island to power about 17,000 homes, a project costing about $300 million.

Coal

Global coal demand will barely [redacted]h 2021, says International Energy Agency
Tom DiChristopher, CNBC

The coal industry is in for a period of sluggish growth as global demand essentially peaks in the coming years, the International Energy Agency forecasts in a new report. IEA expects worldwide growth in coal consumption to average just 0.6 percent between 2015 and 2021 as developed countries continue to abandon the energy source and China's consumption plateaus.

China bans North Korean coal- [redacted] January
Andrew Topf, Mining.com

Fresh UN sanctions against North Korea aimed at punishment for a nuclear test in September will be honoured by China, the reclusive regime's most important trading and diplomatic partner. In a statement on its website on Saturday, China's Commerce Ministry said it will temporarily ban imports of

coal from North Korea as part of a UN Security Council resolution that has the goal of deterring Pyongyang from pursuing its nuclear weapons program.

Nuclear

Germany Cuts Deal With Nuclea mpanies Over Waste Costs
Zeke Turner, The Wall Street Jo

The German government has cut a deal with the nuclear power companies operating in the country that would guarantee them a ceiling on costs related to radioactive waste, lawmakers said Monday. Germany's E.ON SE, RWE AG, EnBW AG and Sweden's Vattenfall AB already set aside about ???17 billion ($18 billion) to finance the disposal of radioactive waste after the government moved to ban nuclear power five years ago.

Climate

Scientists Want to Give the Atm Antacid to Relieve Climate Change
David Roston, Bloomberg News

As long-term global average temperatures steadily rise, and international efforts to address them steadily fall short, some scientists and engineers are working on increasingly desperate solutions to the symptoms of global climate change. One approach to "geoengineering" the earth is to mimic the natural atmospheric cooling effect that tends to follow the massive dispersion of sulfur dioxide into the air during a volcanic eruption.

This stunning Antarctic lake is e. And that could be bad news
Chris Mooney, The Washington

Atop the ice sheet covering the Arctic island of Greenland, you now see dramatic melting in the summer. It forms lakes, rivers and even dangerous "moulins" in the ice where rivers suddenly plunge into the thick ice sheet, carrying water deep below. East Antarctica is supposed to be different. It is extremely remote and cold. It doesn't see such warm temperatures in the summer - yet - and so its ice tends to remain more pristine.

Opinions, Editorials & Perspectives

This interactive map shows why [illegible]s and natural gas are taking over the US
Brad Plumer, Vox

This one's for the energy nerds out there. The University of Texas Austin's Energy Institute has put out an incredibly useful interactive map showing what types of power plants are cheapest to build in every county in the continental United States. (No, really, it's fascinating.)

Research Reports, Issue Briefs & Case Studies

Centennial glacier retreat as cat[illegible]dence of regional climate change
Gerard H. Roe et al., Nature Geo[illegible]

The near-global retreat of glaciers over the last century provides some of the most iconic imagery for communicating the reality of anthropogenic climate change to the public. Surprisingly, however, there has not been a quantitative foundation for attributing the retreats to climate change, except in the global aggregate.

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