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Why the Price of Crude Should Never Exceed $80.00 a Barrel

Dr. Philip K. Verleger, Jr. is President of PKVerleger LLC and Senior Advisor to The Brattle Group, a Cambridge, Massachusetts economics consulting firm, where he specializes in the study of energy commodity markets.

The author of over 100 articles and books on energy economics, Dr. Verleger has testified frequently as an expert witness for parties in private disputes and as an independent authority to the U.S. Congress. His testimony before Congress has addressed regulation, taxation, the behavior of markets, and most recently, mergers.

Dr. Verleger has held positions at the President’s Council of Economic Advisors, the U.S. Treasury, the Institute for International Economics, Yale University, and the University of California. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council and the Council of Foreign Relations.

Verleger received his Ph.D. in Economics from MIT.

Under the Obama Administration: Hope and Change in Education?

Much of Julian Betts’ research is focused on the economic analysis of education. He writes extensively on the link between student outcomes and measures of public school spending including class size, teachers’ salaries, and teachers’ levels of education. Most recently, he has examined the role that standards and expectations play in student achievement.

He has authored and co-authored numerous books including Does School Choice Work? Effects on Student Integration and Achievement; From Blueprint to Reality: San Diego’s Education Reforms; and Equal Resource, Equal Outcome? The Distribution of School Resources and Student Achievement in California.

Betts is Professor and Chair of the UC San Diego Department of Economics, a Senior Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, a member of the Technical Review Panel for the No Child Left Behind National Study, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Press School at UCSD.

Betts obtained his Bachelors’ degree in chemistry from McGill University and his Ph.D. in Economics from Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada.

The True Value of Water

Maureen Stapleton is the General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the regional water agency that provides up to 90 percent of all the water used in San Diego County, supporting a $163 billion economy and 3 million residents, which puts her on the front line in planning for growth in Southern California in the face of significant resource constraints.

As the General Manager, Stapleton oversees a comprehensive array of water supply programs designed to diversify and improve the reliability of San Diego County’s water supply. She successfully negotiated the 2003 Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement which provides up to 21.4 million acre-feet of water to San Diego County over the next 110 years. She is also responsible for the implementation of a $3.6 billion Capital Improvement Program, including the Emergency Storage Project, and in addition, the Water Authority is aggressively pursuing the development of seawater desalination, outdoor conservation, and enhanced recycling.

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