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Introduction

**The Honorable Edward P. Djerejian**

Founding Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy

Presentation

***The Pickens Plan***

with

**T. Boone Pickens**

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## **T. Boone Pickens**

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T. Boone Pickens — founder, chairman and CEO of BP Capital, L.P. — is principally responsible for the formulation of the energy futures investment strategy of the BP Capital Commodity Fund and the BP Capital Equity Fund. BP Capital manages one of the nation's most successful energy-oriented investment funds. Pickens frequently uses his wealth of experience in the oil and gas industry to evaluate potential equity investments and energy sector themes. A generous philanthropist, he has given away almost \$500 million. In 2006, he contributed \$175 million to a wide range of causes and the formation of the T. Boone Pickens Foundation, which supports educational programs, medical research, athletics and corporate wellness, at-risk youth, the entrepreneurial process, and conservation and wildlife initiatives. Pickens started his career at Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville, Okla. Three-and-a-half-years later, he struck out on his own as an independent geologist. Pickens was founder of Mesa Petroleum in its various forms beginning in 1956. His career at Mesa spanned four decades and, under his leadership, Mesa grew to become one of the largest and most well-known independent exploration and production companies in the United States. Pickens holds a degree in geology from Oklahoma State University.

The Pickens Plan proposes the utilization of U.S. wind and natural gas to build a bridge to the future — a blueprint to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil by harnessing domestic energy alternatives to buy time for the United States to develop even greater new technologies. The plan calls for generating 22 percent of our electricity needs through wind power and using the displaced natural gas for transportation fuel. The Pickens Plan estimates that a combination of these domestic energies can end U.S. dependence on foreign oil by 30 percent to 50 percent over the next 10 years.

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### **The Baker Institute Energy Forum**

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