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Melanie Kenderdine is a principal of the Energy Futures Initiative and a non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank.

Kenderdine served at the Department of Energy from May 2013 - January 2017, as the Energy Counselor to the Secretary and concurrently as the Director of DOE's Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis. Her 100-person office was responsible for analysis and policy development in areas that included: energy innovation; climate change; energy security; energy systems and infrastructure; and North American energy integration. She wrote or edited two installments of the federal government's Quadrennial Energy Review, and helped conceive of and develop the G-7 Energy Security Principles adopted by G-7 leaders in Brussels in 2014. In her capacity as energy counselor to the Secretary, Ms. Kenderdine provided key strategic advice on a broad range of issues across the Department of Energy including Mission Innovation, a 22-country+EU initiative that supports transformational clean energy RD&D; North American grid integration and security; and the modernization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Prior to her service at DOE, Ms. Kenderdine helped to establish the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI) and served as its Executive Director. During her six-year tenure at MITEI, she managed a large research and administrative staff, was a member of the research team for MIT's Future of Natural Gas Study, was the rapporteur and editor for the MITEI Symposium Series, and edited the MIT Future of the Electric Grid study. Kenderdine also started the C3E Symposium series, a joint MIT-DOE program to support the careers of women in clean energy with cash prizes; she still serves as a DOE C3E Ambassador.

Before joining MITEI, Ms. Kenderdine served as the Vice President of Washington Operations for the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) from 2001 to 2007. While at GTI, Ms. Kenderdine established a separate not-for-profit company, the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA), taking it from an MOU between GTI and one university, to an industry/academic unconventional natural gas research consortium of 26 universities and 30 industry partners. Ms. Kenderdine served as the original CEO of RPSEA and was one of its founding board members. Concurrently, she was a key architect of a statutorily-established Royalty Trust Fund, the only federal trust fund dedicated to energy R&D.

From 1993 to 2001, Ms. Kenderdine was a political appointee in President Bill Clinton's administration, where she served in several key posts at DOE, including Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary, Director of the Office of Policy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. During her tenure at DOE in the Clinton Administration, Ms.



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Kenderdine was a primary architect of the SPR oil exchange of 2000, the creation of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, and the return of the Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 2 to the Ute tribe in Utah, the largest land transfer back to Native Americans in the lower 48 in over 100 years. Prior to joining DOE, Ms. Kenderdine was Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for New Mexico Congressman Bill Richardson.

In 2014, Ms. Kenderdine was named by the National Journal as one of the top five women in Washington shaping energy policy and is the longest serving political appointee in the Department of Energy's 40-year history. Ms. Kenderdine is on the Board of Our Energy Policy.Org, and is a frequent lecturer and speaker on energy policy across the country and around the world. She has published articles in the World Energy Forum magazine, Physics Today, and co-authored chapters in two editions of the book "Energy Security in the 21st Century: A New Foreign Policy Strategy." Ms. Kenderdine has been married to Steven Cary for 28 years and has one son, Victor, a 2014 graduate of MIT and now a graduate student in Petroleum Engineering at New Mexico Tech. Melanie is the Board Chair of the Alliance of Hope, a nation-wide support network for survivors of suicide. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, and has homes in northern Virginia, New Mexico and Hawaii. She is an avid global traveler and an amateur fly fisherperson.



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