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**DABBAR TO HEAD STAFF OF  
NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22, 2025 — National Petroleum Council (NPC)

NPC Chair Alan S. Armstrong announced the appointment of John M. Dabbar to be the next Executive Director of the Council, effective following the NPC's annual meeting on December 3, 2025. Mr. Armstrong also announced the retirement of the Council's longtime Executive Director Marshall W. Nichols after over 50 years' service to the Council.

Mr. Dabbar has a career in the oil and gas and maritime industries spanning 43 years. A graduate of the New York Maritime College, Mr. Dabbar served as an engineering officer on U.S. flag ships, while concurrently serving as a U.S. Navy Reserve engineering duty officer. After graduate work in electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA at St. Mary's College, Mr. Dabbar joined Atlantic Richfield Company in 1992. His oil and gas career spans 32 years with ARCO, bp, and ConocoPhillips, in roles including engineering, operations, commercial, and government affairs. John has spent the last 20 years with ConocoPhillips Company, most recently as Managing Director of the Company's Low Carbon Technologies group. John has been an active and invaluable contributor to the work of the NPC for many years and recently chaired the Coordinating Subcommittee for the 2024 NPC report *Charting the Course: Reducing GHG Emissions from the U.S. Natural Gas Supply Chain*.

The NPC is a federal advisory committee to the Secretary of Energy. From 1946 until the implementation of the U.S. Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977, the NPC served as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Interior. The sole purpose of the Council is to advise, inform, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy and the Executive Branch, at the Secretary's request, on matters pertaining to oil and natural gas or the oil and gas industries.

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