

Pipeline & Gas Journal Interviews Ron Tanski

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Pipeline & Gas Journal, a monthly magazine that is distributed to more than 28,000 individuals across the oil and gas industry, recently published a piece featuring National Fuel Gas Company President and CEO Ron Tanski. In his interview with P&GJ, Tanski discusses his background, his perspective of the natural gas business, and his priorities as the 2015 chairman of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), an influential organization that represents the interests of North America's large natural gas transmission companies. Below is an excerpt from the article.

As CEO of National Fuel Gas Company, a diversified natural gas company with upstream, midstream and downstream operations that services the Buffalo region, Ronald J. Tanski is no stranger to the issues surrounding natural gas and makes a logical choice to chair the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) for 2015.

Tanski has worked for Natural Fuel Gas Company since 1979, serving in a variety of positions in both the regulated and non-regulated businesses. From exploration and production to transportation, Tanski has an energy background that few can match.

P&GJ: Where are you from and how did you decide on a career in the natural gas/pipeline industry?

Tanski: I grew up in western New York and received my B.A, M.B.A. and law degrees from SUNY [State University at New York] at Buffalo. Between my second and third year of law school, I worked as a law clerk at National Fuel Gas Company and had a great experience. After graduation, I wanted to start my law career in a corporate setting and National Fuel happened to be hiring at the time.

P&GJ: What are your key priorities as chairman of INGAA?

Tanski: INGAA has three main focus areas for the upcoming year. They are:

1. Continuing voluntary efforts by INGAA member companies to continuously improve our industry's pipeline safety, with a goal of zero pipeline incidents.
2. Facilitating a better understanding of gas supply and transportation requirements needed to meet the needs of the growing gas-fired electric generation market.
3. Providing a platform to discuss the issues involved in pipeline construction and infrastructure development.

P&GJ: Overall, how positive is your outlook for the natural gas pipeline business for 2015?

Tanski: The outlook for the business is great, not only for 2015, but for at least the next six years. The rapid development of production from the shale basins has prompted the need for new pipeline infrastructure to move that production to market.

P&GJ: Where is INGAA on pipeline safety?

Tanski: INGAA members have made a commitment to drive safety improvement with the ultimate goal of zero accidents. Our association has made a number of key voluntary commitments to reach that goal.

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