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Matt McManus retired in September 2025 from the U.S. Department of State, where he worked on international energy and economic issues for more than three decades. Mr. McManus began his diplomatic career as a trade negotiator and has an extensive background on energy policy, imports, exports, strategic commodities, sanctions and permitting. He led the State Department's Presidential permitting review team for cross-border energy infrastructure (pipelines and electric interconnections), managed the State Department's energy analysis team, and helped shape U.S. energy security initiatives with major energy exporting and importing countries.

Mr. McManus served as the co-chair of the Market Impact Committee of the National Defense Stockpile, advising on international market impacts of purchases and dispositions of strategic commodities.

Mr. McManus has extensive experience engaging on energy policy and in country with Canada, Mexico and Venezuela. He engaged multilaterally on energy issues in the G7, G20 and the International Energy Forum. Mr. McManus managed State Department energy training programs on oil and gas held in Houston in partnership with the Energy Workforce and Technology Council; on Electric Power with the National Energy Technology Lab; and on critical minerals with Argonne National Lab.

Mr. McManus earned a BA in Economics and Spanish from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts and a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, where he is concurrently an Adjunct Professor of Energy Diplomacy. He volunteers in his community on transportation issues where he is the citizen Chair of Alexandria Virginia's Transportation Commission.