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# US production - Interview: Donald “Blue” Jenkins, chief commercial officer, EQT

EQT may not be a household name for most Americans, but that looks set to change. Following the acquisition of Rice Energy in 2016, former utility EQT has dethroned ExxonMobil as the top producer of natural gas in the United States. Gas Matters speaks to EQT chief commercial officer Donald “Blue” Jenkins to ask how the company grew from a local utility in Pittsburgh into a dominant player in the booming Marcellus shale, whether its “boa constrictor” acquisition of Rice Energy has quelled its hunger for further growth, and how a major US gas producer can remain profitable in a low-price market.



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