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The White House tapped Wells Griffith this month to join the National Economic Council as the leader of its international energy efforts, including the Administration's climate positions. Mr. Griffith currently serves as the principal deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Energy's office of international affairs. Mr. Griffith also worked on Donald Trump's presidential campaign advising on energy and environmental policies. The appointment is for a term of three months, but could lead to a more permanent position. George Banks, a proponent of both engaging in the Paris climate accord and progressing the Administration's "energy dominance" agenda, previously held this position until he resigned in February 2018 due to security clearance issues.

Sources: E&E News, White House
