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8:00 Registration Opens

8:30 Introduction & Overview

Steve Michel, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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Western Resource Advocates ~ Santa Fe, NM

Robert Pomeroy, Jr., Esq., Program Co-Chair
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Greenwood Village, CO

Marc L. Spitzer, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Steptoe & Johnson LLP ~ Washington, DC

8:45 Federal Energy and Environmental Policy: New Players and Anticipated Changes Under the Trump Administration

New faces at FERC and potential impact on its future as an independent politically balanced regulatory body: Hear if policy changes are likely to happen and how is FERC likely to go about it from the former General Counsel

Max Justin Minzner, Esq., Professor
UNM School of Law ~ Albuquerque, NM

Policy making at other agencies in the transformed Federal Government, including DOE, EPA, and in the Congress: What will change and what will remain the same? How quickly and effectively can new agency heads turn around their ships?

Marc L. Spitzer, Esq., Program Co-Chair

10:15 Break

10:30 Checks and Balances: What Is Likely to Change and What to Remain the Same? How Quickly and Effectively Can New Agency Heads turn Their Ships Around?

Climate change and other energy policy cases

Richard E. Ayres, Esq.
Ayres Law Group ~ Washington, DC

Insights on the broader spectrum of environmental cases

Peter Hsiao, Esq.
Morrison & Foerster LLP ~ Los Angeles, CA

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 Anticipating the Overall Impact Policy Uncertainty and Changes on Electric and Natural Gas Markets and Market Structures

A look at the components: Renewable energy and transmission development; reliability standards; hydro licensing; smart grid and energy efficiency programs; distributed generation; development and adoption of new technologies

Suedeem G. Kelly, Esq.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ~ Washington, DC

Emissions trading structures: What currently is happening and the potential impact of the changes in federal policy

David Farnsworth, Esq., Senior Associate
Regulatory Assistance Project ~ Montpelier, VT

Review of trends in FERC decisions on Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) issues and potential shifts under Trump appointees to the FERC

Karen Kruse, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
PacifiCorp ~ Portland, OR

3:15 Break

3:30 Special State Commissioner's Panel: The Impact of the Changes in Federal Policy Priorities on State Actions and Policy Priorities

The Hon. Cynthia B. Hall, Commissioner
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ~ Santa Fe, NM

The Hon. Doug Little, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission ~ Phoenix, AZ

The Hon. Jeffrey P. Ackermann, Chairman
Colorado Public Utilities Commission ~ Denver, CO

5:00 Continue the Exchange of Ideas: Reception for Faculty and Attendees

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About the Conference

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What previous attendees have said:

"It was a very valuable conference...much appreciated."

"Very smoothly run, consistent level of presentation."

"Great mix of political, technical, legal and financial perspectives. Well-designed panels."

This year especially, with dramatic energy and environmental policy shifts being considered and implemented at an unprecedented pace in Washington, D.C., stiff winds of change are blowing all across the West and Southwest. States in our region, as well as utilities, electric consumers, environmental groups and affected industries, are responding, often in different ways, to the changes already underway and those that lie ahead.

Accordingly, our program will provide a forum and opportunity for in-depth and interactive discussions of the potential impacts of the federal energy and environmental policy shifts, how states in our region are reacting, and changes expected at DOE, FERC, EPA and other federal agencies. We will also explore the future for natural gas and coal-fired power plants, climate change and carbon reduction initiatives at the state and federal levels, the prospects for PURPA reform and independent power producers, and updates on renewable energy, retail customer choice of suppliers, and the latest technological developments. Finally, back by popular demand, we will have our annual roundtable discussion among state utility commissioners in our region to highlight current and evolving regulatory priorities.

We have a lot of pieces moving around this year in the energy world and we hope you'll be able to join us for insights into, and discussion of, how the pieces will be fitting together.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Steve Michel, Esq. of Western Resource Advocates, Robert Pomeroy, Jr., Esq. of Holland & Hart LLP, and Marc L. Spitzer, Esq. of Steptoe & Johnson LLP



8:30 Market Dynamics: Impact of State Policy Preferences for Generating Resources in the West

What the Pacific coastal states will be buying; clean power preferences for home consumption in southwestern states; prospects for regional emissions trading structures

Carl B. Linvill, Ph.D., Principal
Regulatory Assistance Project ~ Sacramento, CA

A perspective from a State opposed to the Clean Power Plan

Patrick Day, Esq.
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Cheyenne, WY

What difference are state policy preferences making in the market?

Patrick Cummins, Senior Policy Advisor
Center for New Energy Economy ~ Denver, CO

Matthew S. Larson, Esq.
Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP ~ Denver, CO

10:30 Break

10:45 Potential Technological Game Changers

Electric utility convergence with transportation sector: Where is the technology taking us? How are utilities approaching the challenge/opportunity?

Dave Effross, Senior Energy Policy Advisor
Western Resource Advocates ~ Nevada, NV

Strategic use of new battery technologies

Jon B. Wellinghoff, Esq., Chief Policy Officer
SolarCity Corporation ~ San Mateo, CA

12:00 Lunch (on your own)



1:15 Distributed Generation (DG) and the Debate over Net Metering

Trends in the Southwest; lessons from experiments in other parts of the country

Rick Gilliam, Program Director - DG Regulatory Policy
Vote Solar ~ Boulder, CO

2:00 Customer Choice

Case study of the energy choice initiative in Nevada; developments in other parts of the country

Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq.
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Carson City, NV

Case study of the City of Boulder's efforts to set up a municipal utility

Thorvald A. Nelson, Esq.
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Greenwood Village, CO

3:15 Break

3:30 Market Operations: ISO's, RTO's, and EIMs

New developments relating to expansion of the California ISO (CAISO); Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and Mountain West

Stacey Crowley, Vice President Regional and Federal Affairs
California Independent System Operator ~ Folsom, CA

Energy Imbalance Markets (EIM): Impact of FERC orders on market-based rates

Douglas J. Howe, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Western Energy Imbalance Market ~ Folsom, CA

Potential impact on utility operations

Joseph Hoerner, VP, Energy Supply Management
PacifiCorp ~ Portland, OR

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn



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Faculty: Energy in the Southwest Conference

Steve Michel, *Program Co-Chair*, is Chief Counsel, Clean Energy Program at Western Resource Advocates. He focuses on developing regulatory mechanisms for electric utilities to address climate change. Previously he was General Counsel for New Mexico Industrial Energy Consumers and a New Mexico Assistant Attorney General representing residential utility customers.

Robert Pomeroy Jr., *Program Co-Chair*, is a partner at Holland & Hart LLP. He has served as legal counsel to most of the coalitions of electric consumers and independent power producers in the Mountain West. His work has helped open wholesale and retail electric markets to new competitive business opportunities.

Marc L. Spitzer, *Program Co-Chair* is a partner at Steptoe & Johnson LLP. He counsels and represents utilities and energy companies before the FERC, state utility commissions, Congress, federal agencies and state legislatures. Previously, he was a FERC Commissioner and Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The Hon. Jeffrey P. Ackermann is Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Previously he was CEO of the Colorado Energy Office, led the research efforts at the PUC and as advisor on energy efficiency..

Richard E. Ayres is the founder of Ayres Law Group. He is one of the nations most knowledgeable and well respected environmental attorneys and policy makers, and has shaped the Clean Air Act and its implementation since 1970.

Stacey Crowley is Vice President, Regional and Federal Affairs for the California Independent System Operator. She leads regional coordination and outreach efforts from the ISO to policy makers, regulators and stakeholders in the West.

Patrick Cummins, Senior Policy Advisor, Center for the New Energy Economy, focuses on air quality. Previously, he served as Air Quality Program Director for the Western Governor's Association, Co-Chair of the EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee on Air Quality Management and Executive Director of Western Climate Initiative, Inc.

Patrick Day is a partner at Holland & Hart LLP. He focuses on environmental litigation for the firm's energy clients, including major coal producers, oil and gas companies, pipelines, refineries and gas plants.

David Effross is the Senior Policy Advisor for RAP, in Santa

Fe. Previously he worked with the California PUC as primary analyst in the FERC Western Market Manipulation was also the LNG and natural gas quality and interchangeability expert. At the California Energy Commission he ran an alternative and sustainable transportation fuels program.

David Farnsworth, Senior Associate, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), advises regulators and advocates on clean energy and environmental policy and regulation. Prior to working with RAP, he served as a hearing officer and staff attorney with the Vermont Public Service Board.

Rick Gilliam is the Program Director - DG Regulatory Policy for Vote Solar. He was formerly Vice President of Mountain West and for Government Affairs at SunEdison and also held prior roles at Western Resource Advocates, the Public Service Company of Colorado and the FERC.

The Hon. Cynthia B. Hall is Commissioner for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Joseph Hoerner is Vice President, Energy Supply Management for Pacific Power. He leads the organization in commercial and trading activities managing eastern and western balancing authority areas, and oversees management of PacifiCorp's energy supply portfolio.

Douglas J. Howe is Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Western Energy Imbalance Market, and serves as a senior consultant to governmental and non-governmental organizations on management and regulatory matters. He has provided expert witness testimony in proceedings in New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and Michigan.

Peter Hsiao, partner at Morrison & Foerster, LLP, leads the Environment and Energy Group, and the firm's Green Products and Chemicals team. He is experienced in complex litigation and transactional work with a specialty as a lead trial attorney in environmental, natural resources, chemical toxic tort, and land use law.

Sudeen G. Kelly, partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP chairs the firm's Energy Regulation, Markets and Enforcement Practice. She is a former FERC Commissioner and represents a variety of clients in the electric and natural gas industries on business, regulatory, litigation, enforcement and policy matters.

Karen Kruse is Deputy General Counsel for PacifiCorp. Her experience includes working with electric utilities on compliance with the Federal Power Act, FERC regulations, Open

Access Transmission Tariffs (OATT), and PURPA and its interplay with FERC statutes and rules in the negotiation of rates, terms, and conditions of interconnection and power purchase agreements.

Matthew S. Larson is a partner at Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP. He counsels utilities on state and federal aspects of regulation and administrative law, and has worked on matters before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission relating to transmission and renewable energy infrastructure.

Carl B. Linvill is a Principal for the Regulatory Assistance Project. He leads RAP's work on renewable energy integration and transmission planning in the Western United States, and focuses on distributed generation valuation and tariffs, as well as regional reliability solutions.

The Hon. Doug Little is Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Previously, he held executive management positions at Oracle Borland and Micro Focus International.

Max Minzner is a professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Previously, he served as Special Counsel to the Director of the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. In this role, he helped lead the enforcement arm of FERC, investigating violations in the energy sector relating to anti-competitive activities, market manipulation, and conduct that threatened the reliability of the electric grid.

Thorvald A. Nelson, partner, Holland & Hart LLP, represents utility consumers and utilities in regulatory matters at the local, state and federal levels throughout the Mountain West including CO, WY, UT, ID, MT, and NM.

Frederick J. Schmidt is a partner at Holland & Hart LLP. His experience includes having twice been appointed Commissioner on the Nevada Public Service Commission (currently the PUCN) and over a decade as Nevada's Consumer Advocate creating and leading the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Jon B. Wellinghoff is Chief Policy Officer at SolarCity Corporation. He oversees regulatory and legislative affairs on federal and state policy. Previously, as Chairman of the FERC, he was known for his international expertise and leadership in energy policy, electric markets and the interface of disruptive energy systems with traditional utility structures.

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Who Should Attend:

Attorneys, industry executives, governmental officials, customer representatives and anyone else involved with energy development in the Southwest

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