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The Seventh Annual Two-Day New Developments Conference on Renewable Energy in New England

*Strategies for adapting to legal, regulatory, and business developments
for achieving decarbonization goals*

September 24 & 25, 2020

Via Interactive Zoom Broadcast

Agenda—Day 1

8:00 Registration Opens

8:30 Introduction & Overview

Jed M. Nosal, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Brown Rudnick ~ Boston, MA

Evan C. Reese, III, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Day Pitney ~ Washington, DC

**8:45 FERC Update: The Federal Energy Policy Backdrop for Clean Energy Resource
Development in New England**

Regulatory developments affecting clean energy and transmission development including PURPA reform

Douglas W. Smith, Esq.
Van Ness Feldman ~ Washington, DC

9:30 Decarbonization: Renewable Resource Needs Analysis

The long term forecast for what will be required to reach the region's decarbonization goals, including renewable resource additions necessary to replace fossil generation and to electrify buildings and transportation

Jurgen Weiss, Ph.D., Principal
The Brattle Group ~ Boston, MA

10:15 Break

10:30 Policy and Regulatory Developments for Electrification of Buildings and Transportation

At the local level: Update on local land use planning and building code initiatives to facilitate electrification of buildings and transportation

Jared P. Ross, Esq.
Day Pitney ~ Boston, MA

At the state level: Grid-scale district energy ground source heat pumps (to what extent will we need a regulatory structure along the lines of the old steam heat utility model?); utility provision of vehicle charging stations

Lawrence H. Lessard, PG, AI, CGD, Director
Achieve Renewable Energy ~ Salem, MA
Bill Stevens, Principal

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 New Mid-Term Policy Drivers at the State Level

Commonalities and differences in the goals New England states are establishing and their preferred implementation approaches

Jeremy Colvin McDiarmid, Esq.,
Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs
Northeast Clean Energy Council ~ Boston, MA

2:00 Offshore Wind: Outlook for Proposed Projects and Future Lease Areas

Update on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management cumulative impact study and updates regarding offshore wind development projects

Jennifer Simon Lento, Esq., *General Counsel*
Vineyard Wind ~ New Bedford, MA

The potential for future offshore project development: Update on state policy initiatives and regulatory structures, including Maine's new push to develop offshore wind

Robert C. Grace, *Managing Director & President*
Sustainable Energy Advantage
Framingham, MA

3:15 Break

3:30 Electric Infrastructure Development Needs: The Role of Natural Gas as New England Moves Towards Decarbonization

The short & long-term future for natural gas and LNG as resources

Herb Rakebrand, *Principal*
CRA International ~ Boston, MA

Current and likely legal issues arising from legislative and regulatory initiatives for natural gas in New England

Dianne R. Phillips, Esq.,
Holland & Knight ~ Boston, MA

4:30 Special Address: A Regulatory Perspective on the Current Issues

The Hon. Abigail W. Anthony, *Commissioner*
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Warwick, RI

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

Grab your favorite beverage and snack for a moment of comraderie and a less structured discussion of what is happening with the transition to a clean energy in the Northeast

Agenda—Day 2

9:15 Regional Transmission Planning and Development: Issues Arising from the Move Towards Greater Electrification

The impact of shifting the location of lowest cost resources away from distant renewables and towards more local ones; potential cost savings from competition in the transmission planning and development processes

Walter Graf, Ph.D., *Senior Associate*
The Brattle Group ~ Boston, MA

10:00 Solar and Interconnection Issues

The primary issues and sticking points for distribution-side and utility-scale interconnection

Courtney Feeley Karp, Esq.,
Klavens Law Group ~ Boston, MA

10:30 Break

10:45 Putting the Pieces Together for Successful Project Development

Overview of the components of a coherent overall strategy

Carol J. Holahan, Esq.
Foley Hoag ~ Boston, MA

The agreements necessary for successful project development, the need to make sure that the failure of one component doesn't bring down the entire project, and tips for ensuring that the pieces come together and in the right order

Kathleen M. Phelps, Esq.,
Assistant General Counsel
Ameresco ~ Framingham, MA

Special issues and approaches for projects requiring regulatory approvals in multiple jurisdictions

Jared S. des Rosiers, Esq.
Pierce Atwood ~ Portland, ME

12:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

Who Should Attend

Attorneys, industry executives, governmental officials, and customer representatives involved with renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric transmission and gas pipelines, and consideration of alternatives to new projects

About the Conference

Legislative carbon emission reduction commitments in New England and New York will reshape energy generation, delivery and consumption across the region. Increased electrification of buildings and transportation will require more clean energy resources and changes to the region's delivery infrastructure to meet these goals in a cost-effective manner. We are pleased to have assembled a distinguished faculty to discuss these challenges. You will hear about new technologies to meet these challenges, their impacts on state policy and competitive energy markets, as well as the legal and regulatory paths for approval and construction. We are very pleased with the depth and breadth of experience that our distinguished faculty will bring to the discussions. You will have an opportunity to hear from and converse with, high-level legal practitioners, policymakers, grid operators, subject area experts, and business executives as they address the challenges of an in-creased demand for electric power while maintaining a path toward significant carbon reduction goals by 2050. New resources, including massive amounts of offshore wind, will need to be developed, and our existing transmission and distribution systems will need to evolve to meet these challenges. Our conference will close with a practical perspective to financing and building these projects.

Join us as we stitch together a coherent big picture from seemingly disparate parts, and then offer practical tips and techniques that you can put to work right away. We hope to see you there!

~ Jed M. Nosal, Esq. of Brown Rudnick and
Evan C. Reese, Esq. of Day Pitney, Program Co-Chairs

Registration & Other Conference Information

Tuition: Regular tuition for this program is \$995 with a group rate of \$895 each for two or more registrants from the same firm. For government employees, we offer a special rate of \$745. For students, people in their job for less than a year, and public interest NGO's, our rate is \$497.50. All rates include admission to all program sessions and course materials. Make checks payable to Law Seminars International.

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Substitution & Cancellation: You may substitute another person at any time. We will refund tuition, less a \$50 cancellation fee, if we receive your cancellation by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020. After that time, we will credit your tuition toward attendance at another program or the purchase of an audio or video replay.

Continuing Education Credit: Live credits: We have applied for CLE credits in CT, ME, and VT. NH lawyers can self-certify and report attendance. This program qualifies for 10.25 ABCEP environmental professional credits. Upon request, we will apply for, or help you apply for, CLE credits in other states and other types of credits.

Time Shift Your Content: Audio podcasts and video replays, with course materials, are available for download or on a flash drive at the same price as live attendance. The course materials alone are available for \$100. Replays will be available within five business days after the program or from the date we receive payment.

Faculty

Jed M. Nosal, *Program Co-Chair*, is a partner at Brown Rudnick. He serves as Co-Practice Leader of the firm's Energy, Utilities and Environmental Group and the Government Law and Strategies Group.

Evan C. Reese III, *Program Co-Chair* is a partner at Day Pitney. His energy and natural resources law practice has a special emphasis on the development of power markets, open-access transmission rules, and national reliability standards.

The Hon. Abigail W. Anthony, *Special Address*, is a Commissioner at the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission. She previously served as the director of Acadia Center's Grid Modernization and Utility Reform Initiative.

Jared S. des Rosiers is a partner at Pierce Atwood. His practice focuses on complex energy regulatory, infrastructure development and siting, and litigation matters.

Walter Graf, Ph.D. is a Senior Associate at The Brattle Group with experience in electricity wholesale market design and long-term load forecasting for electric utilities. His work focuses on addressing economic questions facing regulators and market participants in the electricity industry.

Robert C. Grace is Managing Director & President of Sustainable Energy Advantage. He is a leader and innovator in technical and policy analysis of renewable energy markets.

Carol J. Holahan is of counsel in Foley Hoag's Energy & Cleantech practice. Prior to joining to Foley Hoag, Carol was the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Dynegy Inc.

Courtney Feeley Karp is Senior Counsel at Klavens Law Group. She formerly served as counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) in the Renewable Energy and Green Communities Division and for the Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Lawrence H. Lessard, PG, AI, CGD, is Director at Achieve Renewable Energy. It provides geothermal, solar-electric, solar-thermal and wind energy alternatives to a wide variety of clients. He also is president of Lessard Environmental, Inc., which provides environmental site assessment and remediation services.

Jeremy Colvin McDiarmid is Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs at the Northeast Clean Energy Council (NCEC). Prior to joining NCEC, he served as Commercial Business Development Manager at SunBug Solar and advised Acadia Center.

Kathleen M. Phelps is Assistant General Counsel at Ameresco.

Dianne R. Phillips is a partner at Holland & Knight. She is former assistant general counsel for Suez LNG North America and its subsidiary Distrigas of Massachusetts.

Herb Rakebrand is a Principal at CRA International where he specializes in natural gas markets. His expertise is in strategic planning, market analysis, M&A, and expert testimony.

Jared P. Ross is a partner at Day Pitney. He represents a broad spectrum of lenders, landowners, developers and equity participants in the area of renewable energy development.

Jennifer Simon Lento is General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer at Vineyard Wind. Prior to joining Vineyard Wind, she was counsel for a private equity fund focused on commercial scale distributed solar energy projects.

Douglas W. Smith is the coordinator of the electric power practice at Van Ness Feldman. He previously served as General Counsel of the FERC and as Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy at DOE.

Bill Stevens, Bill Stevens Consulting, is a former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General at the Energy and Environment Bureau and Assistant General Counsel at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Jurgen Weiss, Ph.D., is a Principal at The Brattle Group. He focuses on issues broadly motivated by climate change, such as electrification of transportation (and heating), deep decarbonization of the power sector, and the impact these changes have on existing assets, market structures, long-term planning needs, and business models for electric utilities.