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

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 litigation associated with offshore wind development

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

3:30  **Special Address: A Regulatory Perspective on the Current Issues**
The Hon. Abigail W. Anthony,  
*Commissioner*  
*Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ~ Warwick, RI*

4:30  **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

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**Agenda—Day 2**

8:30  **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

*Michael Hagerty, Senior Associate*  
*The Brattle Group ~ Cambridge, MA*

Lessons from New York's two recent solicitations

*Zachary G. Smith, Vice President, System & Resource Planning*  
*New York Independent System Operator ~ Rensselaer, NY*
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
      Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq.
      Pierce Atwood ~ Boston, MA

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 prospective 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. 

As an added value bonus, you'll receive access to audio and video recordings of the program at no extra charge. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Contact our office for more information.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**Michael Hagerty** is a Senior Associate at The Brattle Group. He focuses on electricity wholesale market design, renewable and climate policy analysis, transmission planning and development, and strategic planning for utility companies.

**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.

**Andrew O. Kaplan** is a partner at Pierce Atwood. He focuses his practice on providers of energy storage, demand response, ancillary services, and electricity and gas transmission and supply, both in the wholesale and retail markets.

**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 Distiras 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.

**Zachary G. Smith** is Vice President, System & Resource Planning for the New York Independent System Operator. He is responsible for the oversight and implementation of system planning and strategic initiatives for the New York State transmission system.

**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.