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#### THURSDAY MORNING

**Presiding Officer:** 

Michael P. Pearson, Houston, TX

8:00 a.m.

**Registration Opens** 

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks** 

8:45 a.m.

.50 hr

Regulatory, Part I: Electric Power, Part I: Change Comes to the Texas Electric Markets—An Update on Legislative and Regulatory Developments in the Electric Power Markets in Texas

Discussion of transition to wholesale nodal market design, including impetus behind the change, impact on market participants, registration requirements, trading in the day-ahead market, locational marginal pricing, and congestion revenue rights; other key contested proceedings and major wholesale and retail market rulemakings.

Kathleen M. LaValle, Dallas, TX

9:15 a.m.

.50 hr

Regulatory, Part II: Electric Power, Part
II: Change Comes to the Texas Electric
Markets—The Development of the ERCOT
Regional Entity and the New NERC Reliability
Standards

Discussion of ongoing developments and impacts on ERCOT market participants.

A. Andrew Gallo, Austin, TX

9:45 a.m.

.50 hr

Regulatory, Part III: Electric Power, Part III: Change Comes to the Texas Electric Markets—Competitive Renewable Energy Zones

Discussion of the Texas PUC's CREZ Designation Order, the next steps in the CREZ proceeding, and the impact on the construction of electric transmission in Texas.

Diana M. Liebmann, San Antonio, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.

.50 hr

Regulatory, Part IV: Recent Legislative, Regulatory, and Judicial Developments Affecting the Gas and Electric Power Industries

Discussion of recent federal legislative actions and regulatory initiatives impacting the natural gas and electric power industries, including recent rulings; pending NOPRs and NOIs; enforcement actions; status of *Snohomish* case.

Howard H. Shafferman, Washington, DC

11:00 a.m.

.50 hr

Electric Power, Part IV: Selected Electric Power Generation Issues

Discussion of FERC decisions not requiring transmission providers to compensate generators for reactive power; issues related to FERC's station power policy.

Gretchen Schott, Houston, TX

11:30 a.m.

.50 hr

Electric Power, Part V: The Future of Nuclear Power in the United States

Discussion of positive and negative factors impacting the renewed development of nuclear power in the United States.

Gerald Garfield, Hartford, CT

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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#### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m.

Pick Up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration.

12:15 p.m

.50 hr

Update from the Public Utility Commission of Texas

Hon. Julie Caruthers Parsley, Austin, TX

1:30 p.m.

1.00 hr including

#### Ethics, Part I: Compliance and Enforcement— Turning Up the Regulatory Heat—A Panel Discussion

The panel discusses the current enforcement policies and efforts of the SEC, with a focus on Sarbanes Oxley Act, the FERC's Office of Enforcement, and the Department of Justice.

Michael A. Battle, Washington, DC Harold F. Degenhardt, Dallas, TX Peggy A. Heeg, Houston, TX

2:30 p.m.

.75 hr

## Energy Markets, Part I: A Primer on the Federal Regulation of Derivatives

Discussion of Commodity Exchange Act; jurisdiction of Commodity Futures Trading Commission; CFTC enforcement activities.

Geoffrey F. Aronow, Washington, DC

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

.50 hr

#### Energy Markets, Part II: The Myth of "Deregulated Gas Sales"—Federal Regulation of Gas Marketers

Discussion of blanket certificate conditions; breaking the first sale chain; recent FERC audits of gas marketers; tying issues; market manipulation rules; proposed market transparency reporting requirements.

Kathleen C. Lake, Houston, TX

4:00 p.m.

.50 hr

# Natural Gas, Part I: Update on the Regulation of Intrastate Pipelines and Gas Gatherers in Texas

Discussion of FERC's jurisdiction over intrastate pipelines under NGPA Section 311; recent Texas legislation; gatherer's code of conduct; tariff issues; filing and reporting requirements.

Amy Baird, Houston, TX

4:30 p.m.

.50 hr

## Natural Gas, Part II: The Gathering Exemption under the Natural Gas Act

Discussion of the exemption from FERC jurisdiction of gas gathering under Section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act; evolution of FERC s gathering tests; MMS jurisdiction over gathering on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Michelle T. Boudreaux, Houston, TX

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8:30 a.m

.50 hr

### Natural Gas, Part III: A Primer on Capacity Release

Discussion of FERC's capacity release program; FERC decisions relating to "shipper must have title" rule; pending FERC NOI relating to capacity release.

Janice E. Rogers, Bellaire, TX

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr

#### Natural Gas, Part IV: FERC's Landmark Decision on Gas Quality and Interchangeability—Will It Have a Chilling Effect on U.S. LNG Imports?

Discussion of FERC's decision in *AES Ocean Express v. Florida Gas Transmission* and possible impact on the business of importing LNG into the United States.

Tania S. Perez, New York, NY

9:45 a.m.

.75 hr

#### Alternative Energy, Part I: Biofuels and Other Clean Energy Developments in Texas

Discussion of biodiesel; ethanol; coal-to-liquids; gasification of coal, petroleum coke, and biomass.

Chris B. Pepper, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

#### Ethics, Part II: Privacy and Professional Responsibility: Eavesdropping, Recordings, and Confidentiality

The new Dean and Executive Director of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism discusses new rules and opinions on the subject of privacy and ethics, including the tape recording of conversations.

William J. Chriss, Austin, TX

11:30 a.m.

.50 hr

#### Energy Markets, Part III: Contracting Perils—When Market Rules Change, Can Your Contract Cope?

Discussion of necessity of anticipating changes in market rules and how to address such future changes in long term commodity contracts.

Norma Rosner Iacovo, Arlington, TX

12:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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Sept. 21, 2007-5 p.m. last day for full refund

Sept. 24, 2007-5 p.m. last day for partial refunds \$50 processing fee applied

Sept. 27, 2007-8:30 a.m. conference begins

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