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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT 10, 2009

Presiding Officer:
Diana M. Liebmann, San Antonio, TX

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:45 a.m. .75 hr

Federal Update, Part I: Recent Federal Regulatory and Judicial Developments

Recent federal legislative actions and regulatory initiatives impacting the natural gas and electric power industries, including new rules and pending NOPRs and NOIs.

Howard H. Shafferman, Washington, DC

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

Federal Update, Part II: The Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on Energy Infrastructure Development

A discussion of how the initiatives in the Recovery Act related to energy industry infrastructure are being implemented.

Jo Ann Biggs, Dallas, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr

State Legislative and Regulatory Issues Affecting the Natural Gas and Electric Power Industries

An overview of recent legislative session developments and regulations affecting the natural gas and electric power industries.

John K. Arnold, Houston, TX

11:15 a.m. .75 hr

Environmental Initiatives: Recent Developments

An update on environmental initiatives including possible carbon tax, cap and trade, increased emissions regulation, coal, and renewable portfolio standards.

Christopher B. Amandes, Houston, TX

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee

12:15 p.m. .50 hr

Commodity Prices: What a Difference a Year Makes

The impact of the changes in the commodity markets over the last year, and on future development including LNG and renewables.

Clay Seigle, Houston, TX

12:45 p.m. Break

1:00 p.m. .75 hr

Sign of the Times: Lessons Learned in Recent Bankruptcy Cases

A primer on the bankruptcy process, and discussion of issues associated with recent bankruptcies including *SemCrude* and *In re National Gas Distributors, LLC* cases.

Moderator:

Marty Jo Rogers, Houston, TX

Panelists:

Charles A. Beckham Jr., Houston, TX

Scott D. Cousins, Wilmington, DE

Patricia Williams Prewitt, Navasota, TX

Bruce J. Ruzinsky, Houston, TX

1:45 p.m. .75 hr

Techniques to Mitigate Counterparty Exposure: Lessons Learned in the Current Market

Strengths and weaknesses of mitigation tools: hedges, form guarantees, forward contracts, and more.

Charles A. Beckham Jr., Houston, TX

2:30 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Ethics, Part I: Why Worry about Professionalism?

Sure, we all know about the Texas Disciplinary Rules and the Texas Lawyers Creed, but why worry about professionalism if the Rules are mandatory and the Creed is not? Nationally-known speaker Mike Rubin leads a fast-paced presentation with plenty of hypotheticals.

Michael H. Rubin, Baton Rouge, LA

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. .50 hr

ISDA and its Commodity Annexes: The New EEI or NAESB?

A discussion of the use of the ISDA and its commodity annexes, in lieu of the EEI and NAESB agreements in commodity trading transactions.

Craig R. Enochs, Houston, TX

4:00 p.m. .50 hr

Primer on Easements and Licenses

A discussion of the law relating to easements, rights-of-way, and licenses needed for the siting of gas pipelines and electric transmission lines; their respective legal characteristics and best uses; and the circumstances in which condemnation is available as a tool to obtain same.

Stephen K. Carroll, Houston, TX

4:30 p.m. .50 hr

The Return of New Nuclear Power Development

Coverage of the NRC licensing process for new nuclear plants, new nuclear development incentives, and other issues impacting the development of new nuclear plants.

Mitchell S. Ross, Juno Beach, FL

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT 11, 2009

Presiding Officer:
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8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. .75 hr

Developments in the Capital Markets

Changes in the capital markets relating to investment banks, hedge funds, private equity, actions of the Federal Reserve, and the implications for refinancing debt as well as merger and acquisition activity.

John R. Rutherford, Houston, TX

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9:15 a.m. .50 hr

First Lien Arrangements

Structured finance transactions for energy commodities, specifically first lien arrangements.

Robert Glenn Stephens, Houston, TX

9:45 a.m. .50 hr

Smart Grid: State and Federal Smart Grid Initiatives

Actions relating to state and federal Smart Grid implementation.

Brett A. Perlman, Houston, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr

Enforcement by Administrative Agencies

Panel discussion of real world issues associated with enforcement actions.

Anthony M. Mansfield, Washington, DC
Gregory Mocek, Washington, DC
Kenneth M. Raisler, New York, NY

11:15 a.m. .50 hr ethics

Ethics, Part II: Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims in a Down Economy

Malpractice claims tend to rise in a down market. Are lawyers too stressed, cutting corners, or are clients just not receiving the damage awards they think they should be getting and taking it out on their lawyers?

Jett Lowell Hanna, Austin, TX

11:45 a.m. .75 hr

Retail Competition—Maturing Markets?

The evolution of retail competition, the current state of retail markets, and the impact to consumers.

Moderator:

Marianne Carroll, Austin, TX

Panelists:

W. Eric Dennison, Houston, TX
Clare H. Doyle, Houston, TX
Stephanie A. Kroger, Austin, TX

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Special Room Rate: \$230
good through August 19, 2009
(subject to availability)

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(subject to change)

KEY DATES

September 1, 2009, 5 p.m.

last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

September 2, 2009, 5 p.m.

last day for full refund

September 4, 2009, 5 p.m.

last day for partial refund
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September 10, 2009, 8:45 a.m.

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