

8th Annual Gas and Power Institute
September 10-11, 2009 • Four Seasons Hotel • Houston, TX

Thursday Morning, Sep. 10, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Diana M. Liebmann, San Antonio, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:45 am 0.75 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, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, L.L.P - Washington, DC
9:30 am 0.75 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, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Dallas, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 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, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP - Houston, TX
11:15 am 0.75 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, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Houston, TX

Thursday Afternoon, Sep. 10, 2009

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12:00 pm	Pick up Box Lunch
12:15 pm 0.50 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, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Inc. - Houston, TX
12:45 pm	Break
1:00 pm 0.75 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 <i>SemCrude</i> and <i>In re National Gas Distributors, LLC</i> cases. Moderator: Marty Jo Rogers, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC - Houston, TX Panelists: Scott D. Cousins, Greenberg Traurig - Wilmington, DE Panelists: Patricia Williams Prewitt, Law Office of Patricia Williams Prewitt - Navasota, TX Panelists: Bruce J. Ruzinsky, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Houston, TX
1:45 pm 0.75 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., Haynes and Boone, LLP - Houston, TX
2:30 pm 0.75 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, McGlinchey Stafford PLLC - Baton Rouge, LA
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	ISDA and Its Commodity Annexes: The New EEI or NAESB? A discussion of the use the ISDA and its commodity annexes, in lieu of the EEI and NAESB agreements in commodity trading transactions. Craig R. Enochs, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Houston, TX
4:00 pm 0.50 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, Fulbright & Jaworski - Houston, TX

4:30 pm 0.50 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, Florida Power & Light Company - Juno Beach, FL
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Sep. 11, 2009

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8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.75 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, Lazard Freres & Co. LLC - Houston, TX
9:15 am 0.50 hr	First Lien Arrangements Structured finance transactions for energy commodities, specifically first lien arrangements. Robert Glenn Stephens, McDermott Will & Emery LLP - Houston, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr	Smart Grid: State and Federal Smart Grid Initiatives Actions relating to state and federal Smart Grid implementation. Brett A. Perlman, EnerNOC - Houston, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr	Enforcement by Administrative Agencies Panel discussion of real world issues associated with enforcement actions, with particular emphasis on the FERC and CFTC. Gregory G. Mocek, McDermott Will & Emery LLP - Washington, DC Kenneth M. Raisler, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP - New York, NY

11:15 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Ethics, Part II: Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims in a Down Economy</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Jett Lowell Hanna, Texas Lawyer's Insurance Exchange - Austin, TX</p>
11:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Retail Competition—Maturing Markets?</p> <p>The evolution of retail competition, the current state of retail markets, and the impact to consumers.</p> <p>Moderator: Marianne Carroll, Brown McCarroll - Austin, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Chris Cockrell-Freeman, Tara Energy - Houston, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Clare H. Doyle, Reliant Energy - Houston, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Stephanie Anne Kroger, Andrews & Kurth LLP - Austin, TX</p>
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