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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 31, 2017

Presiding Officer:
Zeina El-Azzi, Brightmark Energy, Austin, TX

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. .75 hr
Federal Incentives Update
Hear a lively update on developments at the federal level affecting the renewable energy market. A new administration and Congress take office in January with a new agenda. Renewable energy projects face deadlines to start construction to qualify for tax credits. Developers are making some common mistakes. Will Congress extend the deadlines again? There are now more than 35 tax equity investors, and renewable energy tax equity is a more than $13 billion market. Two key cases before the US claims court are being closely watched for their potential effect on solar tax basis issues. Several important topics remain in play with the IRS, including prepaid power contracts, series LLCs, and targeted partnership allocations.

Keith Martin, Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Washington, DC

9:15 a.m. .75 hr
Legislative Outlook & Policy Update
Explore how Texas and other states are treating renewable energy policy and what factors are driving their decisions.
Charlie Hemmeline, Texas Solar Power Association, Austin, TX
J. Christopher Hughes, Husch Blackwell LLP, Austin, TX
Susan Williams Sloan, American Wind Energy Association, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr
Case Law Update
Review recent court decisions involving renewable energy.
Amy Hsu, Tailim Song Law Firm, Dallas, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr
Regulatory Highlights—2016 Year in Review and Implications for 2017
Discuss the key regulatory developments impacting the electric power markets in Texas during 2016, and review the trends and implications for market changes in 2017.
Diana M. Liebmann, Haynes and Boone, LLP, San Antonio, TX

11:30 a.m. 1.00 hr
Regulatory Due Diligence Issues in Energy Financing
Survey the electric and environmental regulatory issues in generation project finance, including an examination of permitting and electric and environmental regulatory issues from the perspective of developers, lenders, and tax equity investors. Discuss how parties approach these issues and how developers can organize and prepare their information to allow for an efficient due diligence process.

Moderator:
Meghan Elaine Griffiths, Andrews Kurth, Austin, TX
Panelists:
George "Chip" Cannon Jr., Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, DC
Amy Fisher, GE Capital
James A. Thornhill, McGuireWoods LLP, Richmond, VA

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch
Included in registration.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:
Brent Stahl, Stahl, Bernal, Davies, Sewell & Chavarria LLP, Austin, TX

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LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 p.m. .50 hr
The Energy-Water Nexus
Energy and water are precious global resources, and they are interconnected. Gain perspective on the global nexus of energy and water to outline trends while identifying technical and policy options that might mitigate the challenges.
Dr. Michael E. Webber, The University of Texas Mechanical Engineering Department, Austin, TX

1:20 p.m. Break

1:35 p.m. .75 hr
Playing Well With Others? Co-location of Battery Storage Projects With Wind and Solar
While battery projects have a variety of different applications, many of the first projects have been co-located with wind and solar facilities. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of co-locating and hear real world examples of issues that can arise, including considerations around permitting, offtake, metering, and operations.

Moderator:
Becky H. Diffen, McGuireWoods LLP, Austin, TX
Panelists:
David Chiesa, S&C Electric Company, Chicago, IL
Les Sherman, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, San Francisco, CA
Kate Sherwood, Advanced Microgrid Solutions, Austin, TX
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| 9:45 a.m.  | Siting Insights: Looking Back and Looking Ahead at Key Environmental Developments
| 10:30 a.m. | Break
| 10:45 a.m. | Phased Developments for Wind, Solar and Energy Storage Projects: Planning for the Future
| 11:30 a.m. | “Boilerplate” Clauses in Wind Lease Agreements
| 12:00 p.m. | Wind and Solar Distinguished
| 12:30 p.m. | Pick Up Lunch
| 1:20 p.m.  | Break

**Notes:**
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 1, 2017**
- **Presiding Officer:**
  - Randy Sowell, Lionshare Advisory Services, LLC, McCamey, TX
- **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**
- **Presiding Officer:**
  - Charlie Hemmeline, Texas Solar Power Association, Austin, TX

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**Luncheon Presentation**
- **Time:** 12:50 p.m.
- **Title:** The Waltz of the Five Es
- **Speaker:** Dr. Scott W. Tinker, Bureau of Economic Geology, Jackson School of Geosciences, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

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C&I Energy Purchase Contracts

Corporates and industrials (C&Is) are now major purchasers of green energy. According to Bloomberg, C&Is and wind companies signed 20 deals in 2015 with a total of 2.3 GW. By August 2016, nine deals for 630 MW had been signed—with many more reported to be under negotiation. Explore the future of C&Is as a major class of buyer. Will the trend continue? What could stop it? What’s the prognosis for utility-scale solar C&I deals? What new markets (geographically) are C&Is interested in? What are the key contractual and financial terms that C&Is and developers have to resolve to get to a deal and to get projects financed and built?

Moderator:
Shalini Ramathan, RES Americas, Austin, TX

Panelists:
Ellen Gilman, Apex Clean Energy, Charlottesville, VA
Bobby Hollis, Facebook, Menlo Park, CA
Gigi M. John, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, TX
Dan Seif, Grid Economics, Austin, TX

2:35 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Attorney-Client Privilege: Best Practices for Keeping Privileged Information Privileged

Business structures today are more complex than before and create a variety of new issues around the attorney-client privilege. Review best practices for addressing some of the more common issues, including privileged communications involving consultants, advisors, joint ventures, portfolio companies, mergers, and affiliated entities.

Jennifer B. Poppe, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Austin, TX

3:20 p.m. Adjourn
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• Lisa Chavarria, Stahl, Bernal, Davies, Sewell & Chavarria LLP and Roderick E. Wetsel, Wetsel, Carmichael & Allen, LLP present Utility Scale Solar Leases and Related Documents - Legal Considerations for Landowners and Developers

• Meghan Griffiths, Andrews Kurth LLP leads a panel on Regulatory Due Diligence Issues in Energy Financing

• Case law, regulatory and legislative updates from Texas and beyond that impact renewable energy policy

• Visit with program faculty and attendees during Tuesday evening’s Networking Reception