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Session 1 0.50 hr	**Nuts and Bolts of Battery Tolling Agreement** Battery storage on a commercial scale has exploded in recent years. One way companies have sought to reap the benefits batteries provide without undertaking the developmental and operational risk of owning a battery is via tolling agreements. However, these agreements raise a number of risks parties should bear in mind before entering into these tolling agreements. Address some of these risks from the position of the tolling party interested in signing a battery tolling agreement with a battery developer. **Craig R. Enochs,** Reed Smith LLP - Houston, TX **Brandon Lobb,** Troutman Pepper Locke - Houston, TX
Session 2 0.50 hr	**Texas Energy Fund Update** A review of the PUCT's implementation efforts for Texas Energy Fund legislation and where we are in bringing new, TEF-funded dispatchable generation into the ERCOT system. The discussion includes an overview of the Projects which have survived the TEF In-ERCOT Generation Loan diligence process and the reasons why some Projects have failed to do so. **Alaina Zermeno,** Husch Blackwell LLP - Austin, TX
Session 3 0.75 hr	**Watt's New? Legal & Regulatory Shifts Impacting Texas Energy** A discussion of recent developments in the regulatory landscape, from statutory and rule changes to court decisions, as well as political and business considerations impacting the energy industry. **Michael J. Nasi,** Jackson Walker LLP - Austin, TX **Michele Richmond,** Texas Competitive Power Advocates - Austin, TX
Session 4 1.00 hr	**Legislative Insight Panel** Discuss notable legislation that passed and did not pass, and corresponding perspectives on the regulatory landscape in Texas. **Carolyn E. Shellman,** Butler Snow LLP - Austin, TX **Will McAdams,** McAdams Energy Group, LLC and Texas Lobby Strategies - Austin, TX **Bill Moore,** Butler Snow LLP - Austin, TX **Tom Oney,** Lower Colorado River Authority - Austin, TX
Session 5 0.50 hr	**Keynote Presentation** Presented By: Katherine C. Piper, Calpine Corporation **Katherine C. Piper,** Calpine Corporation - Houston, TX
Session 6 0.50 hr	**Data Center Large Loads: Legal Principles** Explore the complex regulatory considerations in interconnecting data centers to the grid and co-locating with generation resources in private use networks in Texas. **Carrie Collier-Brown,** Husch Blackwell LLP - Austin, TX

Session 7 0.50 hr	**Underground Natural Gas Storage in Texas: Back from the Dead** A brief review of the natural gas storage developments in Texas, drivers of new demand, limits on supply, and current developments on the Gulf Coast. **Edmund Knolle,** Gulf Coast Midstream Partners - Houston, TX
Session 8 0.75 hr	**Perspectives on Large Load Project Development and Interconnection in ERCOT** **Meghan E. Griffiths,** Jackson Walker LLP - Austin, TX **Kelly Frazier,** Targa Resources Corp. - Houston, TX **Clayton Greer,** Cholla Energy, LLC - Plano, TX **Jillian Piccione,** Rowan Digital Infrastructure - Denver, CO
Session 9 0.25 hr	**Ensuring Reliable Natural Gas Supply and Transportation: Key Commercial and Legal Considerations** A stable and dependable natural gas supply is critical to the efficient and uninterrupted operation of large end users. Discuss the practical challenges and strategic considerations that commercial and legal teams must navigate—during both project development and ongoing operations. Considerations include pipeline infrastructure, tariffs, and managing supply-demand imbalances, all of which impact operational continuity, cost predictability, and regulatory compliance. **Jesse S. Lotay,** Jackson Walker LLP - Houston, TX **Heather Waters,** Jackson Walker LLP - Houston, TX
Session 10 0.75 hr	**The Challenge of Meeting the Transmission Needs of the Oil and Gas Industry and the Growing Texas Economy** Oil and gas development and electrification efforts in the Permian Basin highlighted the need for a more proactive approach to transmission development. Recent interconnection requests from industrial facilities and data centers have shown that the need for more transmission spans the entire state. Discuss recent regulatory and grid planning initiatives designed to jump start transmission development in the Permian Basin and throughout the state. **Diana M. Liebmann,** Haynes Boone, LLP - San Antonio, TX **Lori Cobos,** Cobos Strategies, LLC - Austin, TX **Liz Jones,** Oncor Electric Delivery - Austin, TX **Warren Lasher,** Lasher Energy Consulting - Austin, TX
Session 11 1.00 hr | 1.00 Ethics	**Avoiding Ethical and Sanctions Risks using AI-based Legal Research** Hundreds of lawyers and law firms around the country face sanctions or grievance problems resulting from the use of AI-based legal research. Learn how you can avoid the traps that snared your unfortunate colleagues. **Scott Rothenberg,** Law Offices of Scott Rothenberg - Bellaire, TX