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## Getting Natural Gas and NGLs to Market: Regulatory & Contractual Considerations

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### Background

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- Shale has revolutionized oil and gas industry in the US
- Market areas have become production areas for natural gas
- Oil and gas production both face bottlenecks as infrastructure struggles to catch up
  - Creative infrastructure solutions
  - Growing pains

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Overview V&E

- · Gas Gathering/Processing
- Gas & NGL Transport
- Gas & NGL Sales

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### Gas Gathering - Regulatory Issues

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- · Exempt from FERC jurisdiction
- Modified Primary Function Test
  - Physical Factors: (1) length and diameter, (2) central point in the field, (3) geographic configuration, (4) compression and processing, (5) location of wells along the line, and (6) operating pressure
  - Non-Physical Factors

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## Gas Gathering – Contractual Issues Dedications Obligation to Construct Standard of Service Price Term

# Processing/Fractionation • Not Regulated • Contracts - Dedications - Standard of Service - Allocations - Price - Term





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