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5:00 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

Reception Ends

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 9, 2011

Presiding Officer:

John Moore, Stratus Energy Group, LLC, Austin, TX

8:00 a.m.

Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

Energy Futures

A review of economic and revenue issues, and how the state looks at the energy future.

David C. Schanbacher, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin, TX

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

GHGs: Understanding and Dealing with the Federal Legislative Regulatory Landscape

The collapse of major federal carbon regulation legislation leaves industry to make decisions under the emerging greenhouse gas (GHG) rules of the EPA. This session provides an overview of the new rules and regulations, including Prevention of Serious Deterioration (PSD) review, Title V and potential New Source Performance Standards for GHGs.

William M. Bumpers, Baker Botts L.L.P., Washington, DC

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.

.50 hr

GHG Permitting: What Now? The EPA's Perspective

Introduction by Melinda Taylor, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX.

Speaker

Carl Edlund, Environmental Protection Agency, Dallas, TX

11:00 a.m.

1.25 hrs

Wiring around Carbon

What are the critical issues—pluses and minuses—in considering supplying renewable energy long distances from renewable energy-rich regions of the U.S. to those that have limited renewable energy resource options? What level of emission reduction might result from delivering emission-free generation to regions with high carbon emissions? Does the requirement to locate additional high-voltage transmission lines offset the societal benefit of reduced emissions? Can major grids operate reliably with significant supplies remote from the load?

Moderator:

John Moore, Stratus Energy Group, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Kenneth W. Anderson Jr. (Invited), Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, TX Diana M. Liebmann, Haynes and Boone, LLP, San Antonio, TX

James D. Marston, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, TX

John Schnagl, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC

12:15 p.m.

Pick Up Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Jeff Civins, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Austin, TX

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 p.m. .75 hr

Coal Without Carbon: A World View

John Thompson, Director, Coal Transition Project, Clean Air Task Force, Carbondale, IL

1:20 p.m. Break

1:35 p.m.

.50 hr

Introduction and Overview:

Legal and Compliance Issues involving BACT

This session reviews: 1) the legal challenge by the State of Texas to the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule that requires Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determinations for greenhouse gas emissions under the federal PSD air permit program; 2) the EPA's Federal Implementation Plan for administering the Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule in Texas; and 3) the administrative process for obtaining BACT determinations for criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions in federal PSD permits in Texas.

Patricia Finn Braddock, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Austin, TX

Blake Soyars, P.E., Sage Environmental Consulting, Austin, TX

THE FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPACT
OF THE EPA'S NEW BEST AVAILABLE
CONTROL TECHNOLOGY GUIDANCE

2:05 p.m.

.92 hr

Understanding and Working Effectively with the EPA's New BACT Guidance Rules

In November 2010, the EPA issued major new guidance rules dealing with BACT. These rules are of critical importance for permitting and compliance purposes. This session provides a comprehensive summary and analysis of the new rules with special attention to pitfalls, problem areas, permitting and compliance opportunities, and safe harbors.

Christopher Charles Thiele, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Austin, TX

Commentator:

Mark MacLeod, Director, Special Projects, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, DC

3:00 p.m. B

3:15 p.m.

1.25 hrs

Economic and Industry Impact of the EPA's New BACT Guidance Rules

Representatives from the refining, power generation, manufacturing and technology sectors—along with the chair of the GHG BACT Guidance Committee and director of EDF—discuss their different perspectives regarding the economic impacts and special challenges associated with satisfying the EPA's new BACT guidance.

Moderator:

Jeff Civins, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Kimberly S. Bowers, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, TX

Stephen Minick, Texas Association of Business, Austin, TX

NRG Representative TBA

Lisa Montgomery Shelton, Andrews Kurth LLP, Austin, TX

Mark MacLeod, Director, Special Projects, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, DC 4:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

What about Methane? Landfills, Shale Gas and Agriculture

This session examines methane reporting, emissions sources, questions about transparency, benzene, shale gas as a source of methane, and life cycle analysis of coal combustion.

Moderator:

Melita Elmore, Consultant, Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Jed Anderson, The AL Law Group, PLLC, Kinawood, TX

Jill Cooper, EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., Denver, CO James Terrell, Select Milk Producers, Austin, TX Leslie Cook Wong, Waste Management, Houston, TX

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 2011

Presiding Officer:

Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Austin, TX

8:00 a.m.

Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

THE TEXAS EDGE

8:30 a.m. .75 hr

CCS and Carbon Regulation and Management: Legislative Issues

Long-term stewardship and liability, and unitization. Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Austin, TX

9:15 a.m. .75 hr

CCS: Regulatory Challenges and Pending Issues

A discussion and analysis of key federal and state regulatory issues and the latest developments in underground injection and storage of carbon, including EPA's Class VI well rules and the Railroad Commission's role in CCS regulation. This panel includes commentary and views from industry, regulatory and technical/geological perspectives.

Darrick W. Eugene, General Counsel, Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Leslie L. Savage, Railroad Commission of Texas, Austin, TX

Rebecca C. Smyth, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

0:00 a.m.

1.25 hrs 10:15 a.m.

CCS Project Development: What's New and Who Is Putting Stuff in the Ground

This session covers the nuts and bolts of putting CCS projects together in the real world. Issues and hurdles addressed include: CO, capture, technologies and economics; assembling and aggregating acreage; regulatory hurdles; full-scale project build-out including financing and revenue generation; and water access and utilization issues.

Moderator:

Steve Melzer, Melzer Consulting, Midland, TX

Panelists:

Gary J. Gibbs, American Electric Power, Austin, TX Susan Hovorka, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Nancy Mohn, Alstom Power, Inc., Windsor, CT Mike Moore, Blue Source, Houston, TX Thomas M. Weber, McElroy, Sullivan & Miller, L.L.P., Austin, TX

11:30 a.m.

.50 hr

Impact of Shale Gas on Energy Supplies, Prices and GHGs

What impact will shale gas production have on national and regional energy supplies and pricing? How will shale gas production affect renewable energy development, the mix of energy sources for power generation and GHG emissions?

Gregory Brazaitis, Energy Transfer Partners, Houston, TX

12:00 p.m.

Pick Up Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Ann A. Hawkins, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 p.m.

Introduction

Robert W. Gee, Gee Strategies Group, LLC, Falls Church, VA

12:20 p.m.

.75 hr

Key Policymakers' Perspectives: Creating the Right Environment for CCS and Offshore Carbon Storage

Rep. Warren Chisum, Texas House of Representatives, Pampa, TX

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX

1:05 p.m.

1:20 p.m. .83 hr

Carbon Repositories: Lessons Learned from the Norwegian Experience, and the Future of Offshore Carbon Storage in Texas

A discussion of the issues, challenges and opportunities-legal, geological, political and economic—for offshore carbon storage, including industry acceptance; seismic risks; and political, economic and operational issues, with special attention to the Norwegian North Sea Project and the future role, availability and operation of carbon storage in the GLO's offshore Texas Repository.

Moderator:

Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Austin, TX

Panelists:

Carl-W. Hustad, CEO, CO₂-Global LLC, Houston, TX David L. Coleman, DNV Energy North America,

Timothy A. Meckel, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Louis Renaud (Invited), Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX

2:10 p.m. .50 hr

What Is the Role of Fossil Fuel under Today's Carbon Legislation?

This session covers issues facing the development and operation of fossil-fueled power plants in the current carbon environment, including permitting, financing, construction, availability of fuel and market issues including competing technologies.

Barbara Clemenhagen, Topaz Power Group, Austin, TX

2:40 p.m.

.33 hr

Nuclear Options and Prospects

What are the possibilities and prospects for nuclear power generation, including the use of small-scale reactors?

Robert K. Temple, Babcock & Wilcox Company, Charlotte, NC

3:00 p.m.

.50 hr

Sunset Review of the Texas Energy Agencies

Representative Anchia highlights the key recommendations of the Sunset Commission for changes to the PUC, ERCOT and Railroad Commission. He also speaks broadly on Texas' efforts to shape an energy policy that utilizes energy efficiency, renewable energy, storage and demand response programs in addition to conventional sources of energy.

Rep. Rafael M. Anchia, Texas House of Representatives, Sunset Commission Member, Dallas, TX

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Excellent list of topics and presenters.

Highly relevant. I liked the discussion among panel members, the comparison of legislation, and the technical considerations.

Enjoyed the variety of lawyers, regulators, geologists and engineers.

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