



2018 EBA WESTERN CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING



February 22-23, 2018

San Francisco, CA

Omni San Francisco Hotel
500 California Street (at Montgomery)
San Francisco, CA 94104

Summary

The energy industry in the United States is undergoing dramatic changes, and nowhere are those changes more profound than in the Western United States. We are excited that at this year's Annual Meeting for the Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association we will have an opportunity to hear from leaders in the energy industry about those changes and their impact. In addition, we are looking forward this year to hearing from General Counsels about the challenges they face and the changes they foresee in the industry. Finally, we are excited to have a panel focused on legal ethics and issues concerning ex parte communications. This year's Annual Meeting is an incredible opportunity to learn and to hear from individuals who are helping shape the energy industry future in the Western United States.

Agenda

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception and Wine Auction Benefit for the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association with proceeds going to local charity
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am to 8:15 am	Welcome <i>Matthew Rudolphi, President-Elect, Energy Bar Association, Shareholder, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C.</i> <i>Charles Middlekauff, President, Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association, Chief Counsel, Pacific Gas and Electric Company</i>
8:15 am to 9:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Suedeek Kelly, former FERC Commissioner, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Networking Break
9:15 am to 10:30 am	The New Administration – Where Are We Headed The Trump Administration has made major changes to the direction of the United States' energy policy. This panel will provide an overview of the present federal landscape, along with potential changes to the government that could result in future policy shifts, and the impact of the new administration on federal energy regulatory issues. It will also address important evolving areas of interest to companies and professionals in the energy arena. Moderator: <i>Beth Fox, Partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP</i> Panelists: <i>Jonathan Weisgall, Vice President, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs at Berkshire Hathaway Energy Co.</i> <i>Joseph T. Kelliher, Executive Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs, NextEra Energy, Inc.</i> <i>Jim Bonham, Chair, Federal Government Affairs and Public Policy, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP</i>
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Networking Break

10:45 am to 12:00 pm	<p>The General Counsel’s Perspective: Best Practices for In-House Law Departments and the Law Firms that Support Them</p> <p>As the practice of law continues to evolve, lawyers, corporate law departments, and outside law firms must all grow and evolve with it. Hear from current and former energy industry General Counsels as they discuss general best practices, the skills and characteristics that lead to success in-house, ways to keep in-house lawyers engaged and provide meaningful opportunities for advancement, what companies look for in selecting and hiring outside counsel, what leads to successful partnerships with outside counsel, and more.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jennifer Spina, Associate General Counsel, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>David Falck, Executive Vice President of Law, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation</i> <i>Marian Durkin, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, Avista Corporation</i> <i>John Simon, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pacific Gas and Electric Company</i></p>
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	<p>Networking Lunch & Luncheon Address</p> <p><i>The Honorable Liane M. Randolph, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission</i></p>
1:15 pm to 2:30pm	<p>Innovation and Competition: New Developments in the Energy Sector and Challenges for the Electricity Grid</p> <p>Federal and state policies have promoted competition in the energy sector for the last three decades to encourage investment and provide consumer benefits. Industry experts will share perspective on the climate change and grid reliability concerns that have shifted policies towards incentivizing new energy technologies, such as renewable energy and energy storage. This panel will also discuss the impacts on industry of state legislation that has allowed local adoption of community choice aggregation to provide electricity to consumers and how the private sector can navigate in a rapidly changing regulatory environment.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Charles Middlekauff, Assistant General Counsel, Pacific Gas and Electric Company</i> <i>Arshak Zakarian, Hastings College of Law</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Janice Lin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Strategen</i> <i>Erik Steimle, Vice President, Project Development, Rye Development</i> <i>Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer, East Bay Community Energy</i> <i>Patrick Ferguson, Partner, Energy Development & Regulation, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP</i></p>
2:30 pm to 2:45 pm	<p>Networking Break</p>

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm

Navigating Ethical and Ex Parte Rules in the Regulatory Environment

This panel will discuss the ethical and regulatory rules governing communications with regulatory bodies and when engaging in regulatory advocacy on behalf of clients with private entities like independent system operators and regional transmission operators. The panel will review the ex parte communication rules at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and California Public Utilities Commission, including recent statutory changes and related updates from December 2017 to the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The panel will also provide an update on recent developments in laws and rules relating to legal ethics, including securing communication of protected client information.

Moderator: **Deborah R. Scott**, Senior Attorney, Salt River Project

Panelists: **Nancy Saracino**, Managing Attorney, Western Energy and Water, A Professional Corporation
Dayna Underhill, Holland & Knight LLP
Dan Sharp, Crowell & Moring LLP
Arocles Aguilar, General Counsel, California Public Utilities Commission

4:00 pm

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