2020 EBA MIDWEST CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

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St. Louis, MO

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Summary

The Midwest region is facing early retirement of fossil fuel generation and a steady increase in utility-scale renewable resource development. These changes are altering the generation mix supplying the bulk power system and changing the grid’s operating characteristics. Please join the Energy Bar Association’s Midwest Chapter at its Annual Meeting to learn how industry leaders and policy makers are responding to these changes. The panel discussions will offer insight to how the energy market is evolving to recognize generation supply attributes that are contributing to the reliability of the grid, and industry leaders will discuss what operating characteristics must be understood to assure reliability and resiliency. Panel members will also discuss challenges in the development of renewable generation, and some of the key regulatory initiatives on the state and federal levels.

Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Welcome Reception
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

8:00 am – 8:45 am  Registration

8:45 am – 9:00 am  Welcome & Introductions
- Jane Rueger, President-Elect, Energy Bar Association, Partner, White & Case
- Eric Dearmont, President, Midwest Chapter of the Energy Bar Association, Director - State Regulatory Affairs, Ameren Transmission

9:00 am – 10:15 am  Electric Panel
The electric utility industry is in the midst of the dynamic changes. These include state mandates promoting, or requiring, significant “clean” or “green” energy resources; increasing reliance requirements on forecast-based intermittent resources; decentralization of resources requiring increased coordination and communication between distribution and bulk electric systems operators, and; increasing digitalization and electrification across various industries. In light of these changes, RTOs/ISOs and other grid operators are working toward finding solutions and answering the related critical questions. This panel will explore these various issues from the perspectives of a grid operator, state utility regulator, investor-owned utility and industry consulting expert.

Moderator: Michael Kessler, Managing Assistant General Counsel, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Speakers: Jessica Harrison, Senior Director of Research and Development in the Market and Grid Strategy Division, MISO
Dr. Todd Schatzki, Principal, The Analysis Group
The Honorable Matthew Schuerger, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Shawn Schukar, Chairman and President, Ameren Transmission Company
10:30 am – 11:45 pm The Future of Natural Gas Panel
Carbon-reduction goals from government and across the private sector are driving energy providers to think differently about the future. Increased use of renewable energy and distributed generation are changing the way the electric grid operates and natural gas has been key to the ongoing transition. This panel will explore the long-term role of natural gas in the energy landscape, including the need for investment to meet demands, concerns about stranded costs in light of efforts to restrict its use, and whether there is a future for alternatives like renewable natural gas to cost-effectively play a role in meeting future needs.

Moderator: Matthew Salzman, Partner, Stinson LLP
Speakers: Mark Darrell, General Counsel, Spire Inc.
Dan Lapato, Senior Director, State Affairs, American Gas Association
Mosby Perrow, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Kinder Morgan

11:45 pm – 1:00 pm Luncheon Keynote Speaker
- Angie Slaughter, VP, Sustainability, Logistics, SVC & Capabilities Procurement, Anheuser-Busch InBev

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Exploring PJM’s Minimum Offer Price Rule
On December 19, 2019, FERC issued an order directing PJM to expand its current Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR) to address the treatment of state-subsidized generation sources in the electric capacity market. PJM has 90 days to comply. This panel will explore the recent FERC decision and discuss the potential impacts the decision may have in PJM and elsewhere.

Moderator: Hanna Conger, Associate, Jenner & Block
Speakers: Jason Barker, Director, Wholesale Market Development, Exelon
David Canter, Manager, RTO Policy, American Electric Power Company
The Honorable Michael Richard, Maryland Public Service Commission
Glen Thomas, President, GT Power Group

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Networking Break

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Legal and Regulatory Developments in the Midwest Region
Over the last year the EBA Midwest Board has worked to identify a “liaison” in each state in our footprint. That individual will help keep the Board informed of pertinent legal and regulatory developments in their respective state, and will also help educate local members about Chapter activities and benefits. During this panel, each liaison will give an informal update on items of interest from their respective state. The individuals invited include liaisons from MN, WI, IA, IL, KS, MO, MI, IN and OH.

Speakers: Lucas Fykes, Associate, Whitt-Sturtevant LLP (Illinois)
Josh Harden, Of Counsel, Stinson (Missouri)
Richard Heinemann, Attorney, Boardman Clark (Wisconsin)
Emerson Hilton, Corporate Counsel, Consumers Energy Company (Michigan)
Terri Pemberton, Chief Litigation Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission (Kansas)
Carrera Thibodeaux, Associate, Whitt-Sturtevant LLP (Illinois)
Haley Van Loon, Attorney, BrownWinick (Iowa)
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