



2019 EBA WESTERN CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING



February 21-22, 2019

San Francisco, CA

Palace Hotel San Francisco
2 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Summary

The energy industry is entering a period of unparalleled and dramatic change. That change comes in many different forms – climate change, the dramatic growth of alternative energy providers, disruptive technology, and the development of single, Western United States energy markets. We are excited that at this year's Annual Meeting of the Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association we will have an opportunity to hear from leaders in the energy industry about these changes and their impact. Each of our speakers brings a unique perspective to these events and will share insights regarding how Energy Bar Association members can meet these challenges. This year's Annual Meeting is an incredible opportunity to learn and hear from individuals who are helping shape the energy industry future in the Western United States.

Agenda

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<p>Welcome Reception and Wine Auction Benefit for the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association with proceeds going to local charity</p>
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am to 8:15 am	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Jonathan Schneider, President-Elect, Energy Bar Association, Partner, Stinson Leonard Street LLP</i> <i>Charles Middlekauff, President, Western Chapter of the Energy Bar Association, Chief Counsel, Pacific Gas and Electric Company</i></p>
8:15 am to 9:00 am	Keynote Speaker: James Danly, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Networking Break
9:15 am to 10:30 am	<p>Finding the Path to Climate and Disaster Resilience: The "New Abnormal"</p>

As we experience hotter, drier, and longer summers in the West, our communities are vulnerable to more frequent wildfires, floods and other disasters. In 2017 and 2018, California experienced the most devastating and widespread wildfires in the state's history. This panel will discuss the legal and regulatory challenges the energy industry faces to address climate resilience with utility electrical infrastructure. Our panelists will analyze how such challenges impact utility ratepayers, insurance coverage, state economies, land use policies, utility financing and operations, and community safety. The panel will also highlight significant legal and regulatory issues California faces as it addresses the aftermath of the 2017 and 2018 wildfires, and provide an overview of potential legislative and regulatory options state agencies and legislators are considering to achieve climate resilience in the near future.

Moderator: **Tara Kaushik, Partner, Holland & Knight**

Panelists: **Arocles Aguilar, General Counsel, California Public Utilities Commission**
Laura Genao, Managing Director, State Regulatory Affairs, Southern California Edison Company

Toby Shea, Managing Director, Vice President/Senior Credit Officer, Moody's Investors Service
Don G. Stone, Partner, Paine Hamblen

10:30 am to 10:45 am

Networking Break

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Community Choice Aggregation and Non-IOU Energy Providers – An Update on the Landscape

More and more retail customers are obtaining power through non-utility providers. In California, there has been a marked increase in the number of Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) in operation and throughout the West states are exploring ways to expand opportunities for direct access providers. This panel focuses on the present landscape for CCA and direct access, particularly in California and Nevada.

Moderator: **Beth Fox**, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Panelists: **Beth Vaughan**, Executive Director, California Community Choice Association
Scott Olson, Director, Western Government and Regulatory Affairs, Direct Energy
Michael Greene, Senior Attorney, NV Energy

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch & Luncheon Address

Kip Lepper, Chief Advisor, Energy and Environment, Office of California Senate Pro Tempore

1:15 pm to 2:30pm

Blockchain and the Energy Industry

Technology is changing the world, and the energy industry is not immune to these changes. This panel will provide an introduction to the emerging technology BlockChain - what it means, how it is used, various applications for BlockChain in the energy industry and legal issues presented by using BlockChain in energy transactions. BlockChain is already having significant impacts on the energy industry, and that trend will only accelerate in the near future.

Moderator: **Pam Anderson**, Partner, Perkins Coie, LLP

Panelists: **Jennifer Solomon**, Assistant General Counsel, Exelon Corporation
Wendy Moore, Partner, Perkins Coie
Lydia Krefta, Product Manager, Energy Markets Innovation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Networking Break

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm

Western Markets Evolution and Development

This panel of experts will discuss how energy markets in the West have evolved over the last 20 years and what might be achieved through market expansion. This includes a state regulator's viewpoint; an overview of recent market expansion from the perspective of a market operator; the regulatory considerations related to the use of transmission in the Western Energy Imbalance Market; and the evolving political and regulatory factors in the development of Western Markets.

Moderator: **Deborah R. Scott**, Senior Director, Regulatory Policy & Public Involvement, Salt River Project

Panelists: **The Honorable Jordan White**, Commissioner, Utah Public Utilities Commission

John Anders, Assistant General Counsel, California Independent System Operator Corporation
Sarah Edmonds, Director of Transmission Services and Reliability, Portland General Electric
Tony Braun, Attorney/President, Braun Blasing Smith Wynne, P.C.

4:00 pm

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