

Fireside Chat with Former FERC Commissioner Bernard McNamee

The Honorable Bernard L. McNamee, *Partner*, McGuireWoods

Former FERC Commissioner Bernard L. McNamee is a partner at McGuireWoods and a senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting. McNamee is also the Street Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Appalachian School of Law. McNamee is widely regarded as a leader on energy policy and the law.

Before being nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, McNamee served in the U.S. Department of Energy as Executive Director of the Office of Policy and Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy. During his career, McNamee has served as a senior policy advisor to a U.S. Senator, and served four attorneys general in two states (Virginia and Texas), and was a policy advisor to a Virginia governor.

In addition, McNamee practiced energy law for almost 9-years representing clients at the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

McNamee received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.

Charlie Ofner, *Partner*, White & Case LLP

Charlie's practice encompasses a broad range of energy and infrastructure transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, project development and corporate finance matters. He has extensive experience in the negotiation and administration of asset and equity purchase and sale agreements, joint venture and related corporate agreements, joint development agreements, marketing agreements, oil and gas gathering agreements, farmout agreements, joint operating agreements and other energy-related agreements.

Charlie regularly advises companies across the energy sector (including majors, independents and private equity-backed portfolio companies in the upstream, midstream, downstream, infrastructure and power sectors) in acquisitions and divestitures of assets and equity interests, strategic joint ventures and investments, energy trading transactions, negotiation and implementation of commercial contracts, and corporate governance.

Prior to joining the firm, Charlie was a partner at a Houston-based law firm, and also previously served as senior counsel at Oasis Petroleum Inc., a publicly-traded E&P company, where he was integral in the legal functions of multiple company divisions, including operations, land, midstream, marketing, finance and accounting. Prior to his role as senior counsel at Oasis, Charlie was an associate in the Houston office of a leading energy law firm.