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# ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

# 2026

**Meeting the Moment:**  
Reliability, Regulation, and Risk

Conference Schedule and Program

**APRIL 14-15, 2026**

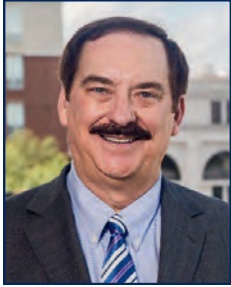
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Welcome to the **2026 EBA Annual Meeting & Conference!**

We are delighted to have you with us for this year's conference, themed Meeting the Moment: Reliability, Regulation, and Risk. Over the next two days, you'll get the chance to glean insights from esteemed keynote speakers, attend sessions focused on the most pressing topics in the energy landscape, and take part in special events and networking opportunities.

Our program begins with the Honorable Kevin J. McIntyre General Session, Outside 888: Who Else Shapes Energy Policy in 2026? Attendees will gain insight into the complex, demand-driven forces transforming the energy policy landscape in 2026 and beyond. As a state practitioner, I am particularly interested in Wednesday morning's General Session featuring state utility commissioners from across the country including Chair Kelsey Bagot from Virginia, Chair Kim David from Oklahoma, Commissioner Mike La Rosa from Florida, President John Reynolds from California, and Chair Tricia Pridemore of Georgia.

At Tuesday's Luncheon, we are honored to welcome **Jonathan Brightbill, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy** as our opening keynote speaker. Mr. Brightbill's experience in overseeing the legal operations of the DOE and work on the development of federal energy policy will provide excellent perspective for the sessions ahead. On Wednesday, we are thrilled to welcome to the EBA stage **FERC Chairman Laura V. Swett** for engaging keynote remarks. Chairman Swett has litigated FERC law for 15 years, was confirmed in October 2025 to serve on the Commission, and was designated as FERC Chairman that same month.

On Tuesday evening, I hope you'll join me for the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association's **Annual Fundraising Gala**, generously supported by many of the organizations and individuals in attendance. This elegant event directly supports the foundation's grant-giving activities, and helps ensure that CFEBA can continue supporting energy-related charitable activities this year and in the future. If you have not yet secured your ticket, please see an EBA staff member—we'd love to have you join us.

I'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Professional Education Council leadership. This year's Co-Chairs, Diana Jeschke (Linklaters LLP) and Lamiya Rahman (Blank Rome LLP), along with Co-Vice Chairs Valerie Green (Day Pitney LLP), Jeremy Medovoy (McGuireWoods LLP), and Melinda Warner (Vinson & Elkins LLP), devoted significant time and effort to collaborating with speakers, moderators, and coordinators to produce a truly high-caliber program. On behalf of the EBA Board and the entire membership, thank you for your leadership, commitment, and outstanding contributions.

We are grateful to our sponsoring firms and organizations for their generous support of this event, and to each of you for being part of it. It has been a privilege to serve as EBA President this year, and I look forward to welcoming the 2026-2027 EBA Leadership and recognizing outgoing Board members during Wednesday's Annual Meeting Luncheon. I look forward to connecting with you all in the days ahead.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Floyd R. Self". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Floyd R. Self  
President, Energy Bar Association

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## FORUM RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

All Conference handouts and presentations are available in the online **Conference Resource Center**. Visit the URL shown below, or scan the QR Code, and enter the password: **AM2026**

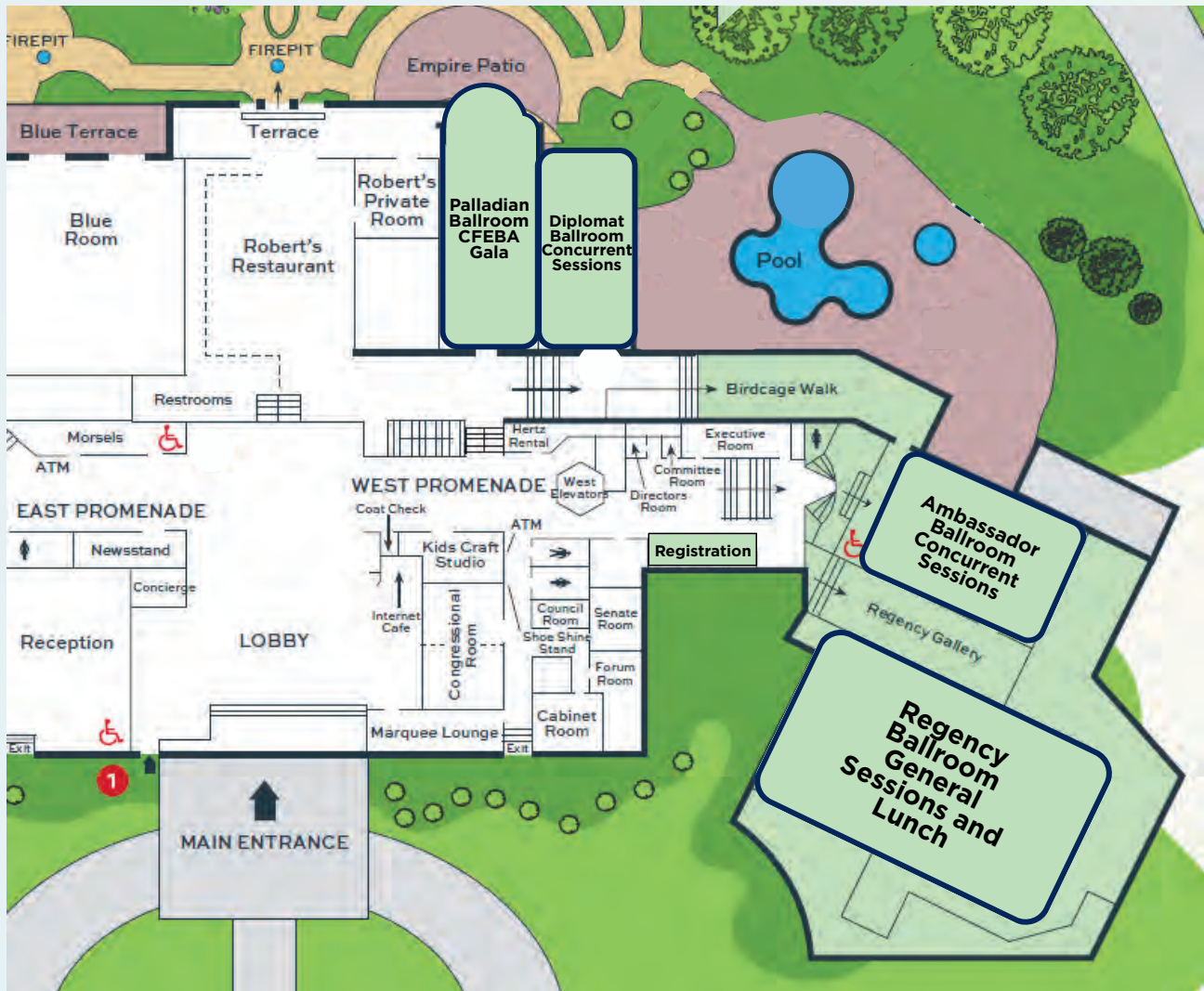


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## MOTHER'S ROOM

A mother's room is available. For information, please see an EBA staff person at the registration desk.

## CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATIONS



The background of the entire page is a photograph of an industrial energy facility, likely a power plant or refinery. It features large, silver, cylindrical pipes and structures, with a tall, lattice-structured transmission tower in the distance. The sky is a clear, light blue, suggesting a bright day. The overall aesthetic is clean and professional, emphasizing the industrial nature of the firm's work.

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## Jason F. Leif Chapter Service Award

In 2018, Energy Bar Association created the Jason F. Leif Chapter Service Award in memory of Jason F. Leif, a past EBA President, past President of the Houston Chapter of the EBA, and a motivating force in the revitalization of the Houston Chapter. This award recognizes exemplary long-term service by an EBA member to one or more of EBA's eight chapters.

We are pleased to present the **2026 Jason F. Leif Chapter Service Award** to Louis Legault. Louis was a founding member of the Canadian Chapter in 2019, and continued to serve as a Board Member until September 2025, in addition to holding positions over the years on EBA's Board of Directors and multiple committees within the organization.

His nominator writes, "Louis's voluntary service to the EBA has spanned a decade - he has been and remains a strong ambassador and advocate for the EBA and the value it provides to all members. Louis actively took part in planning events bringing together American and Canadian attorneys, and was instrumental in the Canadian Chapter's involvement in conducting research into the EBA's Energy Insecurity Initiative from a Canadian perspective."



**LOUIS LEGAULT**

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## 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: REGISTRATION & BUFFET BREAKFAST

Regency Gallery

## 9:00 AM - 10:25 AM: GENERAL SESSION 1

### **Honorable Kevin J. McIntyre - General Session: Outside 888: Who Else Shapes Energy Policy in 2026?**

Regency Ballroom

Rapid growth in U.S. energy demand is reshaping policy, drawing unprecedented attention from federal agencies, legislators, the White House, and state commissions. This panel will feature non-FERC policy leaders and regulators working at the forefront of U.S. energy policy issues, including efforts to address infrastructure needs, affordability, resource adequacy, and reliability concerns.

- **Michael E. Kellermann**, *Detailee, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Ranking Member Martin Heinrich*, United States Senate
- **Rebecca J. Michael**, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Secretary*, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Hon. Nick Myers**, *Chairman*, Arizona Corporation Commission
- **Justin Schwab**, *General Counsel*, Council on Environmental Quality
- **Kellie Donnelly**, *Executive Vice President & General Counsel*, LotSixteen (Moderator)

## 10:50 AM - 12:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **Concurrent 1A: Navigating Congressional Investigations: What Energy Companies Need to Know**

Ambassador Ballroom

This session will explore legal and strategic issues in connection with Congressional investigations into energy company practices and activities. This includes an introduction to, and high-level analysis of, the rules governing Congressional investigations, distinguishing Congressional investigations from enforcement proceedings, an overview of Congressional Committees with relevant jurisdiction, presentation of select case studies, and discussion of the “Court of Public Opinion” and the importance of reputation management. **\*\*This session will not be recorded and is not open to the press\*\***

- **Machalagh Carr**, *Founder & CEO*, Quell Strategies
- **Jessica L. Donlon**, *General Counsel, Majority Staff*, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce
- **Arya Hariharan**, *Chief Counsel for Oversight*, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Office of Ranking Member Dick Durbin
- **Kristina M. Moore**, *Partner*, Womble Bond Dickinson (Moderator)

### **Concurrent 1B: Unleashing Energy Infrastructure: Natural Gas and Oil Permitting Policy and Reform**

Diplomat Ballroom

This panel examines how federal and state permitting processes are constraining critical energy infrastructure development and explores targeted reforms to improve efficiency while maintaining environmental protections.

- **Kyle W. Danish**, *Co-Chair, Partner*, Van Ness Feldman LLP
- **Brett A. Snyder**, *Partner*, Blank Rome LLP
- **Vanessa Allen Sutherland**, *Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*, Phillips 66
- **Elizabeth A. Zembruski**, *Partner*, John & Hengerer LLP (Moderator)



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**12:05 PM - 2:00 PM: Luncheon and Keynote Remarks**

Regency Ballroom

**Jonathan Brightbill***General Counsel***U. S. Department of Energy**

As General Counsel, Mr. Brightbill is responsible for overseeing the legal operations of the Department of Energy, as well as counseling the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and senior leadership on the execution of their duties in the development of federal energy policy. His oversight portfolio includes nuclear energy regulatory reforms, electricity and gas markets, energy efficiency, civilian nuclear programs, business transactions, international negotiations, loan and grant investments, and oversight of the Department's national laboratory system.

Prior to joining DOE, Mr. Brightbill was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Winston & Strawn. During the first Trump administration, he served as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Environment & Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Brightbill was previously a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis. Mr. Brightbill has also taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center.

**2:15 PM - 3:25 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS****Concurrent 2A - Energy Enforcement Priorities in 2026**

Ambassador Ballroom

This session will dive deep into the enforcement priorities at FERC in the current Administration. We will explore recent FERC enforcement activity, trends, and burgeoning issues, including the use of AI. We will also examine constitutional issues, cases currently pending before the Supreme Court, and what impact they may have on FERC's penalty authority.

- **David A. Applebaum**, *Partner*, Baker Botts LLP
- **Seema K. Jain**, *Branch Chief in the Office of Enforcement & Regulatory Accounting, Division of Investigations*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- **Daniel T. Lloyd**, *Senior Counsel*, FirstEnergy Corp.
- **William R. Barksdale**, *Partner*, Jenner & Block LLP (*Moderator*)

**Concurrent 2B - Cross Border: A Conversation about Connections and Collaboration**

Diplomat Ballroom

American and Canadian power systems are closely integrated, assisting with balancing reliability and operability. With the inherent interconnections between American and Canadian electricity systems, this session will provide opportunities for learning across jurisdictions about growing demand, connecting large load, and ensuring reliability.

- **Frank Durnford**, *Executive Director, Market Policy*, Powerex
- **Chuck Farmer**, *Executive Vice-President of Power System Development*, Independent Electricity System Operator (Ontario)
- **Peter Shattuck**, *Director*, Power Advisory
- **Carolyn Calwell**, *Chief Executive Officer*, Ontario Energy Board (*Moderator*)

**3:25 PM - 3:50 PM: Meet the Mentors**

Meet with current EBA members who are committed to mentoring fellow members at the beginning of their legal careers or considering a mid-career change.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

**3:50 PM - 5:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Concurrent 3A: Records, Schmecords? The Compliance and Business Risks of Neglecting Records Requirements Throughout the Energy Regulatory Landscape**  
Ambassador Ballroom

This session will explore the multitude of records requirements permeating various aspects of the highly regulated energy markets. We will survey some of the key requirements, both federal and state, in the electric, natural gas, and oil industries; detail the serious consequences of noncompliance; and provide examples of best practices to ensure appropriate attention to this emerging enforcement priority area.

- **Vivian W. Chum**, *Shareholder*, Wright & Talisman PC
- **Kristen Fleet**, *Director of Division of Audits and Accounting, Office of Enforcement and Regulatory Accounting*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- **Mark Kempic**, *President and Chief Operating Officer*, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and Maryland
- **Hon. Patricia M. French**, *Former FERC Administrative Law Judge (Moderator)*

**Concurrent 3B - Searching for Stability in the Rising Tide: Grid Solutions for Large Load Integration**  
Diplomat Ballroom

As the grid navigates ever shifting waters of rapid large load growth, this panel explores how industry leaders are safeguarding reliability, enhancing safety, and streamlining interconnection as large, fast-growing loads reshape the grid.

- **Patrick J. Arness**, *Federal Affairs Policy Advisor*, Dominion Energy Services
- **Lucas Fykes**, *Senior Director, Energy Policy & Regulatory Counsel*, Data Center Coalition
- **Soo Jin Kim**, *Vice President of Engineering, Standards, and PRISM*, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- **David Luke (DL) Oates**, *Executive Director, Markets and Grid Research*, Midcontinent Independent System Operator
- **Aniruddh Mohan**, *Energy Associate*, The Brattle Group (Moderator)



***Special Event:*** Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association (CFEBA) Annual Fundraising Gala

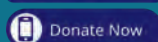
Tuesday, April 14 | 5:00 - 8:30 PM

At this year's Gala, we will honor the 2026 CFEBA Grant and Donation recipients: Heart of America, Solar Electric Light Fund, AGWE, and Footprint Project. The event will begin with a cocktail reception, followed by a seated dinner with presentations by representatives from CFEBA.

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**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

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**9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Keynote Remarks**

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**Hon. Laura V. Swett***Chairman***Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

Laura V. Swett was nominated by the President on June 2, 2025, and confirmed by the Senate on October 7, 2025, to serve on the Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2030. She was designated as Chairman of the Commission on October 23, 2025.

Chairman Swett has litigated FERC law for the past 15 years, which has included representation of generating utilities, transmission owners, and natural gas and liquids pipelines, most recently at Vinson & Elkins. Additionally, she previously served at FERC, advising a former Chairman and Commissioner, and as a lead attorney in FERC's Office of Enforcement.

**9:30 AM - 10:55 AM: GENERAL SESSION 2****General Session: Roundtable Discussion with State Commissioners**

Regency Ballroom

In this session, State Commissioners from different regions of the country will examine the most significant energy issues facing their states. Our esteemed panelists will discuss how the State Commissions balance competing considerations – e.g., ratepayer concerns, infrastructure development, evolving political landscapes, etc. – and what critical issues they see on the horizon for their states.

- **Hon. Kelsey Bagot**, *Chair*, Virginia State Corporation Commission
- **Hon. Kim David**, *Chair*, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- **Hon. Mike La Rosa**, *Commissioner*, Florida Public Service Commission
- **Hon. John Reynolds**, *President*, California Public Utilities Commission
- **Hon. Tricia Pridemore**, *Chair*, Georgia Public Service Commission (*Moderator*)

**10:55 AM - 11:20 AM: NETWORKING BREAK****Special Event: Young Lawyers Council Q&A With FERC Chairman Laura Swett**

The YLC are hosting a Q&A session with Chairman Swett where attendees will have the opportunity to ask her questions about her career and leadership in the energy industry.

**Meetup: Finance, Transactions & Investment Steering Committee**

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## 11:20 AM - 12:30 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **Concurrent 4A - Insights from the NPC Gas-Electric Coordination Study** **Ambassador Ballroom**

This session highlights key recommendations from the National Petroleum Council's December 2025 Gas-Electric Coordination Study, examining how infrastructure, markets, and regulatory boundaries jointly affect gas-electric reliability, and what reforms could strengthen cross-sector planning and accountability.

- **Brett Kruse**, *Vice President, Market Design*, Calpine
- **Erin Potter Sullenger**, *Senior Counsel, Environmental Health and Safety*, Williams
- **Kenneth W. Yagelski**, *Director, Gas Supply and Gas Control*, Southern Gas Company
- **Dr. Margo E. Regier**, *Program Manager, Energy Advisory Studies*, National Petroleum Council  
(Moderator)

### **Concurrent 4B - Sailing without a Compass: Offshore Critical Minerals Development in the U.S.** **Diplomat Ballroom**

The deep sea floor holds promising quantities of critical minerals, like cobalt, nickel, and manganese, that have been identified as essential for the energy industry, but many questions remain about how to best move forward with deep sea mining. This panel will explore the current state of U.S. involvement in deep sea critical minerals exploration in both U.S.-jurisdiction and extraterritorial waters.

- **Edward Boling**, *Partner*, Perkins Coie LLP
- **Stephanie Rose Grumet**, *VC Investor, DSM*, Mineral Harvesting Capital
- **Rebecca Loomis**, *Staff Attorney*, Natural Resources Defense Council
- **Elizabeth Klein**, *Director of Domestic Policy Programs*, PennWashington (Moderator)

## 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: LUNCH AND 2026 EBA ANNUAL MEETING

Regency Ballroom

## 2:00 PM - 3:10 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **Concurrent 5A - Capacity Markets at a Crossroads? Will Rising Capacity Market Prices Drive New Capacity Resource Investment?** **Ambassador Ballroom**

With tightening electric system reserve margins, changing generation resource mixtures, an aging transmission system, unparalleled data center load additions and the ongoing need for investment new capacity, resource investment may be one answer to the equation. This panel will explore how each of these factors impact electric system reliability, reserve margins, capacity prices, and the opportunities for new investment.

- **Prabir Purohit**, *Sr. Vice President-Strategy and Segment Planning (Commercial)*, Dominion Energy
- **Hon. Ann E. Rendahl**, *Commissioner*, Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
- **Paul Suskie**, *Executive Vice-President of Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary*, Southwest Power Pool
- **Matthew White**, *Chief Economist*, ISO New England Inc.
- **John Moura**, *Director, Reliability Assessment and System Analysis*, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (Moderator)

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## Concurrent 5B - Ethics in AI

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As artificial intelligence (AI) increasingly becomes a tool for decision-making in the utility sector, regulators and industry professionals face pressing ethical questions about its use in regulatory proceedings. This panel discussion will explore the ethical implications of AI in utility regulation, focusing on how AI systems are being integrated into regulatory processes. Topics will include issues of fairness, transparency, bias, accountability, and the protection of consumer rights. Panelists will provide practical insights into navigating these challenges within the context of utility regulation, highlighting the role of ethics in ensuring that AI-driven decisions align with public interest, regulatory frameworks, and social equity.

- **Jennifer Berrier**, *Executive Director*, Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
- **Hon. Neil Chatterjee**, *Chief Governmental Affairs Officer*, Palmetto Solar LLC
- **Hon. Andrew G. Fay**, *Of Counsel*, Greenberg Traurig LLP
- **Jason Stevenson**, *Senior Account Executive*, HData (*Moderator*)

## 3:35 PM - 5:00 PM: GENERAL SESSION 3

### Transmission Planning in Transition: Implementing Order No. 1920 in a Shifting Landscape

#### Regency Ballroom

No sooner was Order No. 1920 issued when the landscape began shifting again – Congressional proposals related to planning, permitting, and paying continue to evolve, FERC took subsequent action that could impact how merchant transmission would be integrated into transmission planning, and large loads increasingly place greater needs on reliable load forecasting. This panel will examine emerging compliance and litigation issues in the wake of FERC's Order No. 1920, beginning with a brief status update on where the rule stands in ongoing litigation and the current landscape of initial and forthcoming compliance filings across regions.

Panelists will then turn to substantive questions that have surfaced since the rule's issuance, including whether existing planning frameworks can realistically forecast future load growth and generation development at the scale now required, and what methodological adjustments may be needed. The panel will also explore how merchant transmission projects should be treated in regional planning. Finally, the discussion will address growing tension between the rule's emphasis on scenario-based planning and recently introduced legislation that would curtail certain drivers of shared regional transmission portfolios.

- **Kimberly Duffley**, *Senior Director of Energy Policy and Legal Counsel*, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- **Kimberly O'Guinn**, *Senior Director, State Regulatory Policy*, Southwest Power Pool
- **Jeb Stenhouse**, *Director, Regulatory Affairs*, Invenergy
- **Johannes P. Pfeifenberger**, *Principal*, The Brattle Group (*Moderator*)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 7

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#### 2026 Enforcers & Defenders Forum

This popular event provides a forum to discuss current issues related to enforcement and compliance in the energy sector. We'll share perspectives from regulators with enforcement responsibilities as well as attorneys who work with energy market participants on enforcement and compliance matters. *This event is not open to the press and is not being recorded.*

### JUNE 3

Hosted by: **Morgan  
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#### Energy Law Academy Course 107: Energy Trading

In Course 107, energy lawyers will learn the fundamentals of energy trading. Faculty will introduce participants to the purposes and benefits of trading, basic concepts in trading, the energy products that are commonly traded, and the markets in which they are traded.

### OCT 7-8

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Arlington, VA

#### 2026 EBA Energy Forum

Mark your calendar for the EBA Energy Forum and the Administrative Law Judges Reception. Join us for an exciting day and a half of compelling discussions, exceptional professional development and numerous opportunities to build your personal network.

### OCT 28 - NOV 5

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Designed for energy law professionals looking to deepen their expertise in an international context, this experience combines high-quality CLE programming with a global perspective on today's most pressing energy issues. Attendees will have a curated itinerary, with sessions and meetings exploring Portuguese and EU legal and political systems, US-Portuguese relations, the renewable energy sector in Portugal, and more.



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