

Energy Newsletter



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REGULATORY

FERC

Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation Under FERC Order No. 1000

David G. Tewksbury, Bruce L. Richardson, Grace Su

Amended regulations ensuring efficient and cost-effective investment decisions are necessary because changes in generation mix are driving the demand for additional investment in transmission. [More »](#)

Government Relations

Outlook for the Obama Administration's Energy Agenda

Thomas J. Spulak, Allison F. Kassir, Claudia A. Hrvatin, Lauren Donoghue

The sheer amount of deficit reduction in the debt deal reached by President Obama and congressional leaders will have a major impact on federal support for energy spending. [More »](#)

Oil & Gas Regulatory

Oil & Gas Royalties: ONRR seeks to employ Dodd-Frank's oil, gas, and minerals payment disclosure provision to "cross-check" royalty, rent, and bonus payments

Charles J. (Tim) Engel, Jeffrey H. Perry

In a recent comment to the SEC, ONRR described Dodd-Frank's oil, gas, and minerals payment disclosure provision as potentially "very useful" to the agency's efforts to check that oil, gas, and mining companies are reporting revenues "correctly" to the U.S. federal government. [More »](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Oil & Gas Litigation

An Update From Louisiana: The Deepwater Horizon Spill Litigation

Alissa B. Rubin

Key new developments in *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*. [More »](#)

Business Litigation

Arbitration of Energy Disputes: Seeking Review of a Panel's Decision

C. Brannon Robertson, Jamie M. Miller

Since the United States Supreme Court held that the Federal Arbitration Act set out the exclusive grounds on which a court could vacate or modify an arbitration award governed by the FAA, energy companies utilizing arbitration clauses have sought alternate routes to broaden their rights to seek appellate review. According

Upcoming Events

**King & Spalding
Energy Forum:
The FCPA and UK
Bribery Act: Recent
Trends and Key
Developments**

Date:

Tuesday, September
13, 2011

Presentations:

4:30-5:00 PM

*Welcome and
Registration*

5:00-7:00 PM

*Presentations, Panel
Discussion and Q&A*

7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception

Where:

The Houstonian
Hotel, 111 North Post
Oak Lane, Houston,
Texas

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to the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Arbitration Act provides just such a route. [More »](#)

TRANSACTIONAL

Private Equity

Consolidation of Retail Energy Providers Continues

Crayton L. Bell, Shawna Enright

The retail electric power market is in the midst of a consolidation that is expected to accelerate as some regulated utilities and large independent retail suppliers continue to seek ways to expand their retail customer bases, and smaller independent providers seek capital and other resources for continued growth. [More »](#)

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