

# Energy Newsletter



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## REGULATORY

### U.S. Regulatory; EU Regulatory

#### **Cybersecurity Efforts to Secure Critical Infrastructure including the Energy Sector Advance in the United States and European Union**

*Bruce Richardson, Eleanor Hill, Phyllis Sumner, Pulina Whitaker, Alexander Haas*

President Obama's Executive Order on Cybersecurity and the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy and Proposed Directive indicate greater regulatory burdens and disclosure requirements on the energy sector and electric grid operators. [More »](#)

### International Trade

#### **United States Eases Sanctions Against Burma, but Companies Should Proceed with Caution**

*Christine Savage, Mark Wasden, Jane Cohen, Shannon Doyle*

Since the easing of U.S. sanctions, the Burmese government has been actively seeking investors in its economy, particularly in the energy sector. Although U.S. persons may now engage in most transactions with Burma, caution should still be exercised as restrictions against dealings with the Government of Burma and leaders of the military junta remain. [More »](#)

### U.S. Regulatory

#### **A Decade's Worth of Coal Sales to be Scrutinized by Interior, Senate**

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

A joint letter from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has triggered an investigation of federal royalty payments derived from coal mined in the Powder River Basin. [More »](#)

### FERC

#### **D.C. Circuit Affirms FERC's Authority to Grant Mobile-Sierra Protections to Non-Contract Rates**

*Neil L. Levy, David G. Tewksbury, Stephanie S. Lim*

FERC's decision to grant protections to non-contract rates on a discretionary basis is within the agency's discretion under the Federal Power Act. [More »](#)

### International Trade

#### **China Issues Guidelines for the Development of Energy Sector**

*Lingna Yan*

The *Energy Development 12th Five Year Plan* clarifies the guidelines, principles, goals, targets, key tasks, and policy measures for China's energy

## Upcoming Events

**King & Spalding  
Energy Forum: Crisis  
Management: Risks  
and Strategies**

**Where: Houston, Texas  
and Online**

**When: Thursday,  
March 28, 2013**

**Breakfast Program:  
The Houstonian  
8-9:30 AM**

**Lunch Program:  
The Woodlands  
12-1:30 PM**

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**LNG 17 Cocktail  
Reception hosted by  
King & Spalding**

**Where: The Grove  
Restaurant, Houston,  
Texas**

**When: Tuesday,  
April 16, 2013, 5-8 PM**

*Details to follow*

**In The News**

sector's development for the period from 2011 to 2015. [More »](#)

## U.K. Competition Law

### **Application of Competition Law to the Energy Sector: Changes to UK Concurrency Regime**

*Suzanne Rab*

The UK government has proposed reforms to UK competition law which could allow the removal of the “concurrent” powers of sector regulators to apply competition law. [More »](#)

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## TRANSACTIONAL

### Corporate / London

### **The UK's response to Macondo: Government response to independent review of UK offshore regulatory regime is published**

*Susanna Marshall*

The UK government recently published its final report on the adequacy of the present regulatory regime for offshore oil and gas operations on the UK continental shelf in the post-Macondo era. [More »](#)

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## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Oil & Gas Litigation

### **EPA Amends the Renewable Fuel Standard Program to Address Recent Fraud**

*Anisha Sud*

Modification of the Renewable Identification Number market is hoped to protect refiners and importers from civil penalties and to restore credibility to the RFS program. [More»](#)

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