

Energy Newsletter



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TRANSACTIONAL

Russia

Russia's Second Renewable Energy Auction Gives Both Glimmer of Hope and Cause for Concern

Brandon Rice, Alex Blomfield, Alexandra Rotar

Moscow hopes to spur on the development of renewable energy projects through a renewable energy capacity auction framework. [More »](#)

Upstream Developments - Africa

Tanzania Publishes First Draft of a Long-Awaited Local Content Policy

Nina Howell

Tanzania's relatively rapid transition from an under-developed country to a potentially large LNG exporting nation has naturally brought with it a requirement to update and enhance existing legislation and regulations. We look at proposed provisions of a local content policy and consider industry's likely reaction. [More »](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Oil & Gas Litigation

New York's Highest Court Holds that Zoning Laws of New York Towns Banning Fracking Are Enforceable — A Brief Analysis of the Oral Arguments and the Court's Opinion

H. Victor Thomas

One lesson is clear: If a state wishes to avoid litigation as to whether municipalities are precluded from passing zoning laws that prohibit all drilling and fracking operations, it should enact a law that expressly states that zoning laws are superseded or preempted. [More »](#)

Environmental Litigation

U.S. Supreme Court Restricts EPA Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Cynthia A.M. Stroman, Patricia T. Barmeyer, Les Oakes

Greenhouse gas emissions rules are allowable for sources otherwise subject to federal Clean Air Act permitting. [More »](#)

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Nuisance Verdicts in the Barnett Shale: Two claims arising out of the

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Upcoming Events

September

Conference on Arbitration of Energy Disputes: New Challenges

- Keynote address by Doak Bishop along with panel appearances by K&S Lawyers

Sponsored by King & Spalding and Voldgiftsinstituttet - The Danish Institute of Arbitration

When: September 1-2, 2014

Where: Copenhagen, Denmark

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In The News

King & Spalding Advises Government of Greece On €700 Million Oil & Gas License Agreements »

same natural gas operations yield two very different verdicts

Elizabeth R. Taber, R. Bruce Hurley, Brannon C. Robertson

Within two months, two Forth Worth, Texas juries issued two distinct verdicts on largely the same facts. [More »](#)

REGULATORY

International Trade

President Obama Signs Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014

J. Michael Taylor, Patrick J. Togni

President Obama recently signed into law the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA), which contains a provision requiring the use of American iron and steel in certain utility projects. [More »](#)

FERC

FERC Initiates Proceeding Regarding Price Formation In Organized Markets

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

FERC recently initiated a proceeding to evaluate issues regarding price formation in the organized electric energy and ancillary services markets operated by regional transmission organizations and independent system operators. [More »](#)

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