

Energy Newsletter



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REGULATORY

Environmental

EPA's Rules Affecting the U.S. Power Sector; Taking On EPA's Rules Effectively Banning New Coal-Fired Generation

Patricia T. Barmeyer

Two recent EPA rules reflect an apparent decision to shift the energy sector towards natural gas-fired generation and away from coal, and have the potential to dictate the composition of the U.S. generation fleet for decades to come. [More »](#)

EU Competition Law

Czech Energy Commitments

Suzanne Rab

The European Commission is seeking comments on commitments offered by Czech electricity incumbent operator, CEZ, to address allegations that it may have infringed EU antitrust rules by restricting market entry on the Czech electricity market. [More »](#)

Oil & Gas Regulatory, Mining & Natural Resources

SEC Adopts Final Rules Affecting Energy Companies; Adds Private Right of Action

Jeffrey H. Perry

New rules should concern companies that are required to file annual reports with the SEC and that either (1) engage in the commercial development of oil, natural gas, or minerals or (2) use so-called "conflict minerals." In a departure from the proposed rules, companies subject to these rules must *file* their disclosures in a new specialized disclosure report. [More »](#)

Government Relations

Debate on Natural Gas Exports Continues

Thomas J. Spulak, Allison F. Kassir

Before leaving for the August recess, a bipartisan group of 44 House Members wrote to Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu, urging him to expedite the approval process for pending applications to export liquefied natural gas (LNG). [More »](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Business Litigation

Implications for Pipeline Construction after *Denbury*

Thomas M. Gutting

In The News

King & Spalding Advises Spain's Biggest Gas and Electric Co. on Purchase of U.S.-Sourced LNG from Sabine Pass Liquefaction

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The Texas Supreme Court's modified opinion in *Denbury* provides more certainty for pipeline developers and could create incentives in the pipeline industry for increased cooperation in construction projects. [More »](#)

Securities Litigation

Securities Litigation and the Energy Sector

Paul R. Bessette, Michael J. Biles, R. Adam Swick

Topics covered in this second installment include solar equipment manufacturers, Chinese energy companies, and recently filed class actions. [More »](#)

TRANSACTIONAL

Transactions

Venezuela's Exit from the ICSID Convention Casts a Shadow on Foreign Investment

Vera de Gyarfas, Alberto Ravell

Venezuela's recent denunciation of the multilateral treaty will have no impact on ongoing arbitrations that were pending before the denunciation became effective but is expected to have a great impact on new investment decisions. [More »](#)

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