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8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Introduction and Overview

Robert M. Pomeroy, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Greenwood Village, CO

Steven Michel, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Western Resource Advocates ~ Santa Fe, NM

8:45 Special Address: Federal Regulatory Policy Update

The Hon. Marc Spitzer, Esq., Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ~ Washington, DC

9:15 How the Financial Markets View New Energy Projects in the Southwest

The overall environment for financing new projects; how are the financial markets viewing Southwest energy markets? Are new pulverized coal plants getting more difficult to finance? Why or why not?

Mike King, Senior Vice President
NERA Economic Consulting ~ San Francisco, CA

10:15 Break

10:30 State Regulatory Priorities

Arizona

The Hon. Gary Pierce, Esq., Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission ~ Phoenix, AZ

Colorado

Paul C. Gomez, Esq., First Assistant Attorney General
Colorado Attorney General's Office ~ Denver, CO

New Mexico

The Hon. Jason A. Marks, Esq., Chairman
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ~ Santa Fe, NM

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 Climate Change Initiatives and Their Impacts on Energy Development in the Southwest

Western States Climate Change Initiative

Sandra Ely, Environment and Energy Policy Coordinator
New Mexico Environment Department ~ Santa Fe, NM

Colorado's approach to climate change

Heidi Van Genderen
Senior Advisor on Climate Change and Energy
Office of the Governor, Colorado ~ Denver, CO

2:45 Break

3:00 What State Energy Advisors are Thinking: State Strategies for Energy Development

Overview: Some states aren't interested in meeting more than native load and others are looking at building for export; some are still receptive to coal or gas plants and others are more focused on clean renewables; where are the policy makers heading?

Robert M. Pomeroy, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator
Colorado

Tom Plant, Director
Governor's Energy Office ~ Denver, CO

New Mexico

Joanna Prukop, Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Energy Minerals
and Natural Resources Department ~ Santa Fe, NM

4:15 Where the Tribes are Heading for Energy Development on Tribal Lands

Generation and transmission

Teresa Leger de Fernandez, Esq.
Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP ~ Santa Fe, NM

5:00 Reception for Faculty and Attendees Sponsored by Holland & Hart LLP



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Our conference updates you on the new directions for energy in the Southwest – one overlaid by environmental issues and new market developments. What are the new state regulatory priorities? What are the new climate change initiatives and their impacts on energy development in the Southwest? Will any more coal plants be built? What plans do utility executives have on the drawing board for the kinds of plants that will be built in the future? What are state energy advisors thinking concerning state strategies for energy development? What are some of the transmission developments we are seeing in the Southwest? What is the role of tribal participation in transmission projects?

Come and hear from our distinguished panel of leading energy lawyers, industry executives, public utility commissioners, and consultants to learn the answers to these questions. This conference is vital for energy professionals from all sectors in gaining keen insights on current market and regulatory trends in the Southwest.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Steven Michel, Esq. and Robert M. Pomeroy, Esq.



8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Natural Gas as a Fuel: Will There Be Enough? At What Prices? What are the Implications for the Future of Gas-Fired Generation?

Will the leveling off of production in the San Juan and Permian supply basins be replaced with new Rocky Mountain sources? How will prospects for LNG imports affect the marketplace? What new pipelines and storage facilities will be needed?

Kurt Strunk, Senior Consultant
NERA Economic Consulting ~ New York, NY

9:15 Water Constraints on Power Generation in the Southwest

Securing water supplies for electric generating facilities: water availability, water costs, and environmental constraints on access to water

L. William Staudenmaier, III, Esq.
Ryley Carlock & Applewhite, P.A. ~ Phoenix, AZ

10:00 Break

10:15 Utility Executives on Resource Planning: What Kinds of Plants Will We Be Building?

Future role for coal; responding to demand for more environmentally friendly energy; viability of conservation, energy efficiency, and demand-side management as alternatives to generation; navigating a challenging political climate

Steven Michel, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator

Kenneth V. Reif, Esq.
Senior Vice President & General Counsel
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc
Westminster, CO

Patricia Vincent-Collawn, Utilities President
PNM Resources ~ Albuquerque, NM

Fredric C. Stoffel, Vice President of Marketing
Xcel Energy Inc. ~ Denver, CO

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 Renewable Resource Development

Solar trends in central and distributed generation; value in the Southwest for showing peaks; impact of renewable portfolio standards and policies

Rick Gilliam, Managing Director
Western States Policy
SunEdison LLC ~ Denver, CO

Geothermal, and other renewables: What is feasible where; assessing the differences in fuel sources and generation technology on the environmental impact of projects

Greg Nelson, Director of Generation Development
PNM Resources ~ Albuquerque, NM

2:30 Break

2:45 Transmission Developments in the Southwest

Update on the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor process

Frederick R. Eames, Esq.
Hunton & Williams LLP ~ Washington, DC

Large capacity interstate transmission: Prospects for new high voltage connections throughout the Southwest to better integrate the regional marketplace and offer new opportunities for improving system reliability

Robert E. Kondziolka, P.E.
Manager of Transmission Planning
Salt River Project ~ Phoenix, AZ

Intrastate transmission: Update on state transmission authorities in Colorado and Wyoming and on the recently created New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RET) to facilitate export of renewable energy to out of state markets

Ned Farquhar, Senior Advocate
Natural Resources Defense Council ~ Albuquerque, NM

4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn



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Faculty: Energy in the Southwest 2008 Conference

Steven Michel, *Program Co-Chair*, is Energy Program Senior Attorney for Western Resource Advocates, an environmental law and policy center in that does work in the interior West. Previously, he was general counsel for the New Mexico Industrial Energy Consumers.

Robert M. Pomeroy, *Program Co-Chair*, partner at Holland & Hart LLP, is chair of the firm's Energy & Telecommunications Practice Group and represents independent power producers, consumer groups, and large electric consumers. He is in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

The Hon. Marc Spitzer, *Special Address*, is a Commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where his mission is to insure that ratepayers have safe, economic, and reliable supplies of electricity and natural gas and transparent, robust and competitive wholesale energy markets.

Frederick R. Eames, partner at Hunton & Williams LLP, focuses on legislative advocacy and government relations in energy, environment and financial services. He led a utility industry coalition effort to gain federal provisions promoting transmission infrastructure expansion.

Sandra Ely, Environment and Energy Policy Coordinator for the New Mexico Environment Department, manages the state's climate change initiative. Previously, she was New Mexico's Air Quality Bureau Chief.

Ned Farquhar, Senior Advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, focuses on mountain west energy and climate issues. He is policy committee chair on the board of Western Progress and was Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Bill Richardson.

Rick Gilliam, Managing Director, Western States Policy for SunEdison, LLC, oversees solar policy development in the Western U.S. He was the principal author of Amendment 37- the

renewable energy ballot initiative in Colorado.

Paul C. Gomez, Colorado Public Utilities Commission, First Assistant Attorney General, provides chief legal counsel and representation to the Colorado Public Utilities Commissioners in adjudicative and legislative matters.

Mike King, Senior Vice President, NERA Economic Consulting, is experienced in electric wholesale markets, electric utility restructuring, strategy regulation and wholesale energy markets.

Robert E. Kondziolka, Manager of Transmission Planning at the Salt River Project, is Chair of Southwest Area Transmission Regional Planning Group, and Vice-Chair of the Planning Coordination Committee for Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Teresa Leger de Fernandez, managing partner at Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP, works with tribes and tribal utilities on infrastructure development, right of way negotiations, energy assets acquisitions, and financing.

Jason A. Marks is Chairman of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission which sponsored and passed renewable energy rules creating diversity targets for solar energy and distributed generation, with cost caps to protect consumers.

Greg Nelson is Director of Generation Development, Environmental and Land Services for PNM in Albuquerque. He manages the development of generation facilities from concept through completion as well as oversees environmental and land programs and operations within the company.

The Hon. Gary Pierce is a Commissioner with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Previously, he was in the Arizona House of Representatives and was Majority Whip 2005 - 2006 and a member of the Environmental, Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee.

Tom Plant is Director of the Colorado Governor's Energy Office. Previously, he was in the Colorado legislature and was chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Joint Budget Committees.

Joanna Prukop, Cabinet Secretary at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department has led the department in a statewide effort to promote conservation and clean energy projects.

Ken Reif is the Senior Vice-President/General Counsel of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. Tri-State is member owned and provides wholesale generation and transmission to 44- member distribution providers.

L. William Staudenmaier, shareholder at Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite, P.A., represents clients, including electric utilities, in securing and protecting water supplies for industrial, commercial, agricultural and municipal uses.

Fred Stoffel, Vice President of Marketing at Xcel Energy Inc., is responsible for the operating companies' energy efficiency, demand response and environmental products. Xcel Energy is the nation's number one retail supplier of wind energy.

Kurt Strunk, Senior Consultant at NERA Economic Consulting, focuses on strategic, regulatory, and corporate financial issues in the natural gas and power sectors.

Heidi Van Genderen, Senior Advisor on Climate Change and Energy in the Office of the Governor, Colorado, works to coordinate and implement the state's first Climate Action Plan.

Patricia Vincent-Collawn, Utilities President of PNM Resources of New Mexico, is responsible for operations of both PNM and Texas-New Mexico Power Co., including strategy development, utility generation resources and integrated resource planning.

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- Climate change initiatives and impacts
- State strategies for energy development
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- Renewable resource development
- Transmission developments in the Southwest
- Where tribes are heading for energy development

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