Electricity Regulation in a Post-Election World

A Northwestern Electricity Dialogue WEBINAR

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

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8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

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What will change and what will stay the same based on the results of the 2020 Presidential Election. Will a re-elected Trump Administration feel more emboldened to make substantial changes to energy policy and energy regulations? How will a new Biden Administration and its energy policy impact regulation and who will be the key players? Come hear the experts talk about these possibilities and more!

8:45-9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
  • Kevin Gunn, Principal, Paladin Energy Strategies, LLC

9:00-9:30 Keynote Address
The keynote will update the state of the Presidential election as well as who controls the House and the Senate, answering questions about whether we have a clear winner, whether the Senate has changed control and what initial impacts will the election will have on the look of the new or re-elected Administration.

  • John Ashford, Chairman and CEO, The Hawthorn Group, L.C.

9:30-10:45 Session One — The Impact of the Election on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Federal Energy Regulatory Policy
What will a new or re-elected administration mean for FERC? What personnel changes or appointments are anticipated and how will FERC act different, either under an emboldened Trump Administration or a new Biden Administration?
• Moderator: Kevin Gunn, Principal, Paladin Energy Strategies
• Tony Clark, Senior Advisor, Wilkinson Barker, Knauer, LLP
• John Norris, Partner, State Public Policy Group
• Adrienne Clair, Partner, Thompson Coburn, LLP

10:45-12:00 p.m. Session Two — The Impact of the Election on State Regulatory Commissions and State Energy Regulatory Policy

Will a Biden Administration mean more federal policies imposed across the States? Will a Trump re-election mean that substantial changes at the DOE or FERC that will impact State Regulations? If the Senate changes Party control, what does that mean for State policy?

• Moderator: Ted J. Thomas, Commissioner, Arkansas Public Service Commission
• Denise Buffington, Director Federal Regulatory Affairs, Evergy Companies; Vice President of Transource Energy
• Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission
• Steve Gaw, Attorney/Consultant, Advanced Power Alliance

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1. Ken Anderson, Former PUCT Commissioner
2. Pedram Arani, Principal Program Manager, PG&E
3. Alison Archer, Regional Director - State Regulatory Affairs, MISO
4. Jay Balasbas, Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
5. Philip Bartlett, Chair, Maine Public Utilities Commission
6. Janice Beecher, Director, IPU, Michigan State University
7. Adam L. Benshoff, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute
8. Maria Bocanegra, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
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10. Brandon Bowen, Senior Utility Analyst, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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13. Cameron Brooks, President, E9 Insight
14. Emily Brown, Regulatory Consultant, AEP
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22. David Clark, Commissioner, Utah Public Service Commission
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24. Meg Curran, Chairperson, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
25. Megan Decker, Commission Chair, Oregon PUC
26. Mason Emnett, VP, Competitive Market Policy, Exelon
27. Robert Endris, Associate General Counsel, Otter Tail Power Company
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