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Clean Energy in the Southeast

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association's 2023
Continuing Legal Education Program

February 23, 2023 | 8:45 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | City Club Raleigh

Course Goal:

This course will explore energy matters currently at issue in North Carolina and adjacent topics in the Southeast. This all-day continuing legal education program (CLE) will provide its attendees with legal and regulatory education on the ongoing transition to a cleaner energy mix and the related legal elements.

Attendees will receive the following credits:

North Carolina: **6.00 Total CLE Hours (5.00 General Hours and 1.00 Ethics/Professional Responsibility)**

Course Objectives:

- Provide attendees with an update on regulatory and legislative developments impacting clean energy in North Carolina and nationally
- Provide attendees current information that will be useful in the year ahead for clean energy issues

Bios and photos of the speakers as well as the Power Point Slides will be made available through the NCSEA website with a special password we will provide to all attendees.

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8:00 – 8:45 A.M.

Networking & Conversation Over Breakfast

8:45 – 8:55 A.M.

Welcome & Course Introduction

- Goals of the course
- Agenda Overview

Ward Lenz, Executive Director, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association
Cassie Gavin, Director of Policy, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association
Gray Styers, Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Carbon Plan

The Carbon Plan update panel will discuss and explore North Carolina's final carbon plan and its implications for the state and the Southeast. The panel will also look ahead to the first update of the plan and examine how North Carolina's carbon plan may affect other states.

Will Scott, Director, Climate & Clean Energy Southeast
Heather Fennell, Assistant Director, Legal Division – North Carolina Utilities Commission
Nadia Luhr, Staff Attorney, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
Ben Smith, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
Ben Snowden, Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP

10:00 – 10:15 A.M.

Break

10:15 – 11:15 A.M.

View from the Bench

The View from the Bench panel consists of Utility Commissioners across the southeast providing their perspectives about the changing energy landscape in the southeast and what emerging topics they are learning about in the energy sector that most interest them. What are you learning about that excites you? What do you think will be important in 5 years' time, 10 years' time?

Gray Styers, Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP
Commissioner Karen Kemerait, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Commissioner ToNola Brown-Bland, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Jo Anne Sanford, Former Commissioner, Attorney, Sanford Law Office, PLLC



11:20 A.M. – 12:20 P.M. **SC RTO Study**

This panel will cover the recent work conducted under the Electricity Market Reform Measures Study Committee Joint Resolution passed by the South Carolina General Assembly in 2020 and implications for South Carolina and other states considering similar studies.

John Burns, General Counsel, Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (CCEBA)
Courtney Walsh, Partner, Nelson Mullins
Taylor Speer, Counsel, Fox Rothschild
Adrienne Mouton-Henderson, Director of Policy & Market Innovations, Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA)
Senator DeAndrea Salvador, North Carolina General Assembly

12:20 – 1:30 P.M. **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:30 P.M. **HOA Rooftop Solar**

Exploring the recent the Belmont v. Farwig case ruling by the NC Supreme Court, its impact on NC solar and HOA law, and other states laws or regulations impacting how HOAs treat rooftop solar.

Taylor Jones, Senior Regulatory Counsel, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association
Nick Jimenez, Staff Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center
Harmony Taylor, Partner, Law Firm Carolinas
Christopher Stock, Government Affairs Associate, Kairos Government Affairs

2:35 – 3:35 P.M. **A New Day for DERS**

Panel will cover recent PURPA amendments, FERC Order 2222, and other recent developments in the distributed energy space.

Caitlin Rose, Policy Manager, Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN)
Nick Guidi, Federal Energy Regulatory Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center
Shelley Robbins, Project Director, Clean Energy Group
Will Giese, Southeast Regional Director, Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)
Thad Culley, Senior Manager, Public Policy, SunRun

3:35 – 3:50 P.M. **Break**



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3:50 – 4:50 P.M.

Ethics in an Emergency

Managing the attorney/client relationship while clients navigate emergencies like PR scandals, faulty equipment, natural disasters, and other nightmare scenarios.

Ethan Blumenthal, Regulatory Counsel, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

Nichole Davis, Risk Management Director, SC Bar Association

Peter LaMotte, President of Strategic Communications, Chernoff Newman

4:50 – 5:00 P.M.

Wrap Up and Conclusion

Cassie Gavin, Director of Policy, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association