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Clean Energy in the North Carolina

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association's 2024
Continuing Legal Education Program

January 31, 2024 | 8:45 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | Raleigh Convention Center

Course Goal:

This course will explore energy matters currently at issue in North Carolina. 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 General CLE Hours**

Course Objectives:

- Provide attendees with an update on regulatory and legislative developments impacting clean energy in North Carolina.
- 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

Matt Abele, Executive Director, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

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

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. **Carbon Plan/Integrated Resource Plan**

The Carbon Plan panel will discuss and explore the first update of the carbon plan that the NC Utilities Commission and SC Public Service Commission will be considering in 2024.

Ben Smith, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP

Brett Breitschwerdt, Partner, McGuireWoods, LLP

Nadia Luhr, Staff Attorney, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission

Carrie Grundman, Counsel, Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC

Munashe Magarira, Staff Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center

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 or former commissioners 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 Floyd McKissick, NC Utilities Commission

Commissioner Jeff Hughes, NC Utilities Commission

Chair Charlotte Mitchell, NC Utilities Commission

Jo Anne Sanford, Attorney, Sanford Law Office



11:20 – 12:20 P.M. **Energy Efficiency/Demand Side Management Innovation**

This panel will examine innovative programs that encourage energy efficiency and/or demand-side management that utilities are implementing or considering with a focus on programs that help low-income communities.

Daniel Pate, Director of Data & Research, NC Sustainable Energy Association
Bo Somers, Managing Director, Regulatory Restructuring and Modernization, Duke Energy
David Neal, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center
Shelley Robbins, Project Director, Clean Energy Group
D.C. Conant, Associate Attorney, Bailey & Dixon, LLP

12:20 – 1:30 P.M **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:30 P.M. **Market Reform Trends**

This panel will cover energy market reform efforts in South Carolina and other states considering studies or legislation.

R. Taylor Speer, Counsel, Fox Rothschild, LLP
Danielle Fidler, Senior Attorney, EarthJustice
Simon Mahan, Executive Director, Southern Renewable Energy Association
Matthew LaRocque, Manager, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection

2:35 – 3:35 P.M. **FERC Watch**

These speakers will cover recent FERC orders such as FERC Order 2023 on transmission, other recent developments at FERC, and how they relate back to North Carolina.

Catherine Morehouse, Energy Reporter, POLITICO
Molly Suda, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy
Nick Guidi, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center
Steven Shparber, Member, Mintz
Suedeem Kelly, Partner, Jenner & Block

3:35 – 3:50 P.M. **Break**



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3:50 – 4:50 P.M.

Piloting the Future – Utility Clean Energy Pilot Programs

Over the course of this hour-long panel, we'll cover the development of various pilot programs that were approved at the NCUC and discuss the potential benefits to developing pilot programs compared permanent programs, including how they could affect customers moving forward.

Ethan Blumenthal, Regulatory Counsel, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

Lon Huber, Senior Vice President, Pricing and Customer Solutions, Duke Energy

Thad Culley, Director, Public Policy, SunRun

Claire Williamson, Senior Energy Policy Advocate, NC Justice Center

Marcus Trathen, Partner, Brooks Pierce

Anthara Wyatt, Program Manager, ECEAI, Black Owners of Solar Services (B.O.S.S.)

4:50 – 5:00 P.M.

Wrap Up and Conclusion

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