



Clean Energy in the Southeast

NC Sustainable Energy Association's 2020 Continuing Legal Education Program

February 4, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC

Course Goal:

This course will explore energy matters currently at issue in the United States, with a specific focus on clean energy 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.

All attendees will receive 6 general CLE credits.

These are North Carolina CLE credits. Attendees from other states will need to apply to their own state's respective legal education office for CLE credit.

Course Objectives:

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

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available to all attendees and all bios and photos of the speakers as well as the Power Point Slides are available through the NCSEA website with a special password we will provide to all attendees.

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8:00 – 9:00 A.M. **Networking & Conversation Over Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:15 A.M. **Welcome & Course Introduction**

Gray Styers, Partner, Fox Rothschild

Ward Lenz, Acting Executive Director, NC Sustainable Energy Association

Ben Smith, Regulatory Counsel, NC Sustainable Energy Association

- Goals of the course
- Agenda Overview

9:15 – 10:30 A.M. **Customer Choice**

This panel will be a discussion of current or proposed programs allowing customers more control over their clean energy choices. This discussion could include, for instance, the Green Source Advantage Program in North Carolina, the Georgia Power Tariff, community solar, virtual PPAs, and other programs.

Kyle Wamstad, Associate, Eversheds Sutherland

Steve Levitas, Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Pine Gate Renewables

Ajulo Othow, Founder & CEO, EnerWealth Solutions LLC

Rich Blaser, Owner, Infinite Energy

10:30 – 10:45 A.M. **Break**

10:45 – 11:30 A.M. **Regulatory Reform**

This panel will discuss potential regulatory reforms to the traditional utility model that are being considered, adopted, or implemented across the southeast. This will include ISO/RTO discussion, MYRPs, deregulation, and needs-based procurement, for example.

Thad Culley, Regional Director, Vote Solar

Will Scott, Energy Policy Analyst, NC Conservation Network

Matt LaRocque, Manager – Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection



11:30 A.M. –
12:30 P.M.

Resiliency

As utilities face mounting risks from unprecedented weather events and cyberthreats to name a few, resiliency is becoming an increasingly important topic in utility law. This panel will discuss grid improvement and modernization, greenhouse gases and their effect on the grid, microgrids, energy storage, coal retirement, and cybersecurity among other things.

John Burnett, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy

Michael Youth, Government and Regulatory Affairs Counsel

Katie Ottenweller, Southeast Director, Vote Solar

Scott Thomasson, President, Sunbelt Strategies

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

Utility-Scale Solar

The utility-scale solar landscape has changed dramatically over the past few years in the southeast as a result of numerous policy changes throughout the states. This panel will discuss the ever-changing utility scale solar landscape as PURPA evolves through the new NOPR and state programs and mandates.

Karen Kemerait, Partner, Fox Rothschild

Lauren Bowen, Senior Attorney and Leader of SELC's Solar Power Initiative, Southern Environmental Law Center

Jill Kysor, Staff Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center

Ben Snowden, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Electric Vehicles

The electric vehicle panel will discuss electric vehicle adoption in the scope of electric utilities law issues, such as rate schedules, incentives, and grid planning issues.

Evan Fitzgerald, Innovation & Business Development Analyst, NCEMC

Kendrick Fentress, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy

Anne Blair, Director of Energy Efficient Transportation, SEEA

Cassie Gavin, Senior Director of Government Relations, Sierra Club



3:30 – 3:45 P.M.

Break

3:45 – 4:45 P.M.

View from the Bench

The View from the Bench panel consists of Utility Commissioners from different states providing their perspectives about the changing energy landscape in the southeast in a Q-and-A style discussion led by Gray Styers from Fox Rothschild.

Commissioner Daniel Clodfelter, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Commissioner Kimberly Duffley, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Chairwoman Charlotte Mitchell, North Carolina Utilities Commission

4:45 – 5:00 P.M.

Wrap Up and Conclusion

Jordan Jones, Manager of Communications, Engagement, and Equity
Peter Ledford, General Counsel and Director of Policy, NC Sustainable Energy Association

5:15 – 6 P.M.

Networking & Conversation