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Clean Energy in the Southeast

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association's 2021 Virtual Continuing Legal Education Program

February 2, 2021 | 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. ET | *Online Event*

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.

This includes 1.00 Ethics/Professional Responsibility credit.

Ticket Prices:

Member Ticket: \$300

Non-member Ticket: \$350

Student Ticket: \$50

Gov/Education/Nonprofit Ticket: \$150

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

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

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9:00 – 9:15 A.M.

Welcome & Course Introduction

- Goals of the course
- Agenda Overview

Ward Lenz, Executive Director, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

Matt Abele, Strategic Partnership Specialist, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

9:15 – 10:30 A.M.

Greenwashing

This panel will be a discussion of some of the misleading tactics used by bad-actor companies to exaggerate the positive environmental impacts of using solar energy. This discussion could include, for instance, the North Carolina Duke Rebates or the utilization of energy efficiency in sales of rooftop solar.

Ben Smith, Regulatory Counsel, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

Tyson Grinstead, Director of Public Policy, SunRun

Munashe Magarira, Assistant Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice

Monica Dozier, Partner, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP and Co-Chair, Bradley's Solar Energy Practice Group

10:30 – 11:45 A.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 and best practices for litigating in front of the Commissions in a Q-and-A style discussion.

Commissioner Brent Bailey, Mississippi Public Service Commission

Commissioner Kim Duffley, North Carolina Utilities Commission

Commissioner Tim Echols, Georgia Public Service Commission

Commissioner ToNola Brown-Bland, North Carolina Utilities Commission

Gray Styers, Co-Chair of the National Energy and Natural Resources Law Practice, Fox Rothschild

11:45 – 12:45 P.M

Lunch



12:45 – 2:00 P.M.

Integrated Resource Plans and Competitive Solicitation

This panel will discuss competitive procurement programs, like North Carolina's CPRE, and the future for competitive solicitation in the Southeast. This will also include a discussion as to how to pair competitive solicitation with the roadmap set out in integrated resource plans.

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

Jack Jirak, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy

Karen Kemerait, Partner, Fox Rothschild

Gudrun Thompson, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center

2:00 – 3:15 P.M.

Regional Grid Planning

This panel will explore some of the different approaches to regional grid planning seen across the Southeast. This includes possibilities for regional energy markets, RTOs, and other constructs to allow for regionally efficient and clean energy markets.

Jennifer Chen, President, ReGrid Energy Policy Consulting

Kate Konschnik, Director of Climate and Energy Program, Duke University
Nicholas Institute

Jamey Goldin, Senior Leader of Global Energy Policy and Market Development
Team, Google

Adam Foodman, Managing Director and Co-Founder, Solar Operations Solutions, LLC

3:15 – 3:30 P.M.

Break

3:30 – 4:45 P.M.

What's Next for Net Energy Metering?

What is next for rooftop solar and customer compensation for excess rooftop energy? This panel will discuss what other states in the Southeast are doing and how things are going.

Thad Culley, Senior Regional Director and Regulatory Counsel, Vote Solar

Heather Shirley Smith, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy

Sean Gallagher, Vice President of State & Regulatory Affairs, Solar Energy
Industries Association (SEIA)

Lon Huber, Vice President of Rate Design and Strategic Solutions, Duke Energy



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4:45 – 5:00 P.M.

Wrap Up and Conclusion

Ben Smith, Regulatory Counsel, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association