

Pre-conference Workshop:
Fundamentals of Renewable Project Development
March 10, St. Regis, Houston

Monday, March 10, 2008:

- 9:00 – 9:05 AM Introduction by Workshop Chair
Dino Barajas, *Partner*, PAUL HASTINGS JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP
- 9:05 - 10:00 AM **Introduction to Renewable Project Development**
This presentation will introduce the key issues in developing renewable projects, including assessing the business case, the roles of the players in project financing and development, permitting requirements and needs, typical development and construction timelines, and interconnection issues.
- Wayne Song**, *Partner-Elect*, MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM Refreshment Break
- 10:30-Noon **Resource Risk Identification, Assessment and Management**
This set of presentations will discuss some of the most important sources of risk in renewable energy projects—solar risk, biomass feedstock risk and geothermal risk. The presenters will address the sources of these risks, the methods to assess them, and techniques to mitigate them.
- Solar:* **Tim Derrick**, *Principle*, HELIOS ENERGY, LLC
Wind: **Larry Sinesio**, *Vice President, Sales and Marketing*,
WINDLOGICS INC
Geothermal: **Kevin McSpadden**, *General Counsel*, VULCAN POWER
COMPANY
- Noon-1:30 PM Group Luncheon
- 1:30-2:15 **Dealing with Permitting Issues for Renewable Energy Projects**
This presentation will examine how to deal with the permitting issues for renewable energy projects, including interactions with both local residents and regulatory authorities.
- Jeffery R. Becker**, *Associate* HOLLAND & HART LLP
- 2:15-3:00 **Working with Equipment Providers—Managing Availability and Construction Schedule Issues**
One of the critical issues affecting the development of renewable energy projects is the availability of both equipment such as wind turbines and solar panels, as well as EPC contractors and trade labor. This presentation will provide helpful hints and guidelines for managing equipment availability and construction schedules.
- Kevin Christy**, *Principal*, HELIOS ENERGY, LLC

3:00-3:30 Refreshment Break

3:30-4:15

Understanding Resource Planning and Obtaining Renewable Energy PPAs

This presentation will examine how utilities' planning processes, and how renewables figure into their overall mix. It will also offer guidelines for dealing with offtake agreements and PPAs.

Frank Stern, Principal, SUMMIT BLUE CONSULTING. LLC

4:15-5:00

Dealing with Interconnection Issues for Renewable Energy Projects

Access and availability of electric transmission continues to impact the development of renewable assets, which are typically located underserved by existing transmission assets. The interconnection of renewable energy assets has been one of FERC's foci, and new rulings may have a major impact on the costs and procedures for connecting these assets to the grid. This presentation will explore the current regulatory situation regarding the interconnection of renewable assets.