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Transmission Executive Forum: *The Next Phase in Transmission Regulation*

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8:00-8:30 Administrative Announcements and Opening Remarks by the Forum Chair:
Laurie Oppel, *Managing Director*, NAVIGANT CONSULTING

8:30-9:45 **New Administration, New Congress—New Directions in Energy Policy**
The recently elected administration and 111th Congress are likely to move quickly on forming a new energy policy. The stimulus package includes \$32 billion to modernize the nation's energy transmission, distribution and generation systems through investments in smart grid and renewable technologies; and more action is expected in future energy policy. What new proposals, initiatives and legislation are we likely to see, and when? What will the impacts be on transmission? This panel will explore the potential changes in national energy policy.

Moderator

Elliot Roseman, *Vice President, Energy, Climate & Transportation (ECT)*, ICF INTERNATIONAL

Panelists

Dave Boguslawski, *Vice President for Transmission Strategy and Operations*, NORTHEAST UTILITIES

Conrad Lass, *Vice President of Legislative Affairs*, ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

Joe Mikrut, *Principal*, CAPITOL TAX PARTNERS

Joseph Welch, *President*, INTERNATIONAL TRANSMISSION COMPANY

9:45-10:15 Morning refreshment & networking break

10:15-11:30 **Overcoming the Barriers to Transmission Entry and Development**
FERC has actively sought to encourage development of a more robust interstate power grid, utilizing incentives, flexibility in regards to ownership arrangements for new projects, and other means. However, frustrations still remain regarding the level of investment planned, and the barriers to new transmission. Will FERC adopt some of the proven mechanisms used in supporting the development of natural gas pipelines to electric transmission? Are there other alternatives that should be considered? This panel will explore alternative paths to reducing the barriers to transmission development.

Moderator

Glenn Berger, *Partner, Energy and Infrastructure Projects Group*, SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

Panelists

Charles Combs, *Attorney*, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

Terry Grove, *Co-Executive Director*, CAPX2020

Robert Mitchell, *CEO*, TRANS-ELECT DEVELOPMENT CO. , LLC

Edward Stern, *CEO*, HUDSON TRANSMISSION PARTNERS

Susan Tomasky, *President*, AEP TRANSMISSION

Johan van't Hof, *CEO*, TONBRIDGE POWER INC.

11:30-12:45 **NERC Reliability and CEII—Impacts on Transmission**
In addition to aggressive build-out programs, transmission owners are facing significant challenges regarding compliance with mandatory reliability and critical energy infrastructure standards. How are these standards affecting transmission? Have reliability standards caused the need for increased O&M and/or capital expenditures in lieu of investment in new lines? This panel will discuss how to best meet the demands of these standards and the need to expand grid capacity.

Moderator

Richard Starkweather, *Partner*, SCOTTMADDEN INC.

Panelists

R. Scott Henry, *Vice President, Electric Systems Operations*, DUKE ENERGY

Richard Kafka, P.E., *Transmission Policy Manager*, PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC.

Mark Kuras, *Senior Engineer, NERC and Regional Coordination*, PJM INTERCONNECTION

Andrew Lucero, *Secretary, Generator Testing Review Task Force, the Transmission Assessment Subcommittee, and the Reliability Assessment Subcommittee*, MIDWEST RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION

12:45-2:15 Luncheon presentation by:
John Wilson, *President of Electric Power and Natural Gas Operations*,
QUANTA SERVICES



2:15-3:30 **Cost Allocation and Transmission Pricing Reform**
Many new planned transmission projects cross multiple jurisdictions. However, major uncertainties remain regarding who will pay for these developments. Should costs be socialized across the system, or should transmission customers bear the primary brunt of system upgrade costs? Will the states acquiesce in flowing transmission costs through to retail rates? How will jurisdictional divides affect the financeability of transmission projects? How will benefits be measured? Are there rate and recovery mechanisms that can ease the development process and provide assurances to developers and Wall St.? This panel will examine these and other issues surrounding cost allocation for transmission projects.

Moderator

Celia David, *Director*, NAVIGANT CONSULTING, INC.

Panelists

Neil Butterklee, *Assistant General Counsel*, CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

Charles Combs, *Attorney*, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

Steve Naumann, *Vice President, Wholesale Market Development, Government & Environmental Affairs and Public Policy*, EXELON CORPORATION

3:30-4:00 Afternoon refreshment and networking break

4:00-5:15 **CREZ, RETI, WREZ and Other Initiatives to Support the Build-out of Transmission to Support Renewables**
The past year has seen an expansion not only of federal incentive programs for transmission development, but also regional initiatives spurring the development of transmission capacity. Ranging from measures aimed at servicing growing fleets of renewable energy assets, such as the California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) and Texas' Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) to more broad initiatives such as the Western Renewables Energy Zone initiative (WREZ), these initiatives seek to provide an impetus to build transmission to bring power generated from far-flung assets to market. This panel will examine these and other initiatives to promote transmission development, and the perspective of one of the states engaged in the WREZ initiative.

Moderator

Paul Kraske, *Partner, Energy and Infrastructure Projects Group*,
SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

Panelists

J. Jolly Hayden, *President*, LONE STAR TRANSMISSION LLC, AN
FPL GROUP COMPANY

Doug Larson, *Executive Director, Western Interstate Energy Board*,
WESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (invited)

Jess Totten, *Director, Competitive Markets*, PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Lawrence Willick, *Senior Vice President*, LS POWER

Steve Ellenbecker, *Director of Governmental and External Relations*,
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY and *Energy Policy*
Advisor, OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DAVE FREUDENTHAL