



TRANSMISSION SUMMIT *West* 2009

September 9-11, 2009

**Transmission Executive Forum West:
The Next Phase in Transmission Regulation
September 9, 2009**

7:00-8:00 Registration and Morning Networking Breakfast

8:00-8:15 Opening Remarks by the Forum Chair:
Cristin Lyons, *Partner*, SCOTTMADDEN, INC.

8:15-8:45 **Energy Policy and Transmission Siting Reform**
Congress has moved quickly to enact an energy-heavy stimulus bill, and has proposed energy legislation that may significantly impact transmission siting. The FERC is also under new leadership with an active interest in transforming the grid. This presentation will explore the potential changes in national energy policy, and their impacts on transmission.

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

8:45-10:00 **Overcoming the Barriers to Transmission Entry and Development**
FERC has actively sought to encourage development of a more robust interstate power grid by 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 be able to 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:
Cristin Lyons, *Partner*, SCOTTMADDEN, INC.

Panelists:
Lisa Barton, *Vice President for Transmission Strategy and Business Development*, AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER

Charles Combs, *Attorney*, BONNEVILLE POWER
ADMINISTRATION

Robert Mitchell, *CEO*, TRANS-ELECT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY,
LLC

Edward Rahill, *President*, ITC GRID DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

Lawrence Willick, *Senior Vice President*, LS POWER DEVELOPMENT
LLC



10:00-10:30 Morning refreshment & networking break hosted by:

10:30-11:30 **Impacts of ARRA Funding on Transmission and Smart Grid Projects**
ARRA includes provisions for funding certain transmission and smart grid projects, and FERC recently proposed a plan allowing utilities to seek cost recovery of smart grid investments in advance of the final implementation of applicable standards. This cost recovery policy dovetails with the DOE's grant programs supporting deployments by transmission owning entities. However, there have been concerns with the amount of funding available for individual technologies and projects. This panel will explore the opportunities and challenges in accessing DOE funding for transmission and smart grid projects.

Moderator:

Avnaesh Jayantilal, Ph.D., *Director of Marketing*, AREVA T&D

Panelists:

Kevin Dasso, *Senior Director, Electric Strategy and Regulation, Engineering and Operations*, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC

Todd Gurela, *Vice President Transmission and Distribution*, SIEMENS ENERGY, INC.

Bob Stevens, *Managing Associate*, SCOTTMADDEN, INC.

Richard Wakefield, *Vice President of Transmission System Planning*, KEMA

11:30-1:00 Group Luncheon

1:00-2:15 **Cost Allocation for Multistate and Renewable Energy Serving Transmission Projects**

With a future RES and climate control regime uncertain, and the details of many states' RPS undetermined, Load Serving Entities have been reluctant to commit to PPAs and the full cost of transmission. At the same time, it seems clear that a national RES is likely to emerge this year, which

will accelerate the development of renewable projects, and exacerbate the paucity of transmission to serve them. Should costs be socialized across the system, or should transmission customers bear the primary brunt of system upgrade costs? How will jurisdictional divides affect the financeability of transmission projects? How will benefits be measured? How will state regulators balance the need for transmission to serve renewables with prudence? This panel will examine these and other issues surrounding cost allocation for transmission projects.

Moderator:

Dave Adams, *Director*, SCOTTMADDEN, INC.

Panelists:

Charles Combs, *Attorney*, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

John Donleavy, *President & CEO*, VERMONT ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

Jeffrey Miller, *Vice President, Planning*, COLUMBIAGRID

Johannes Pfeifenberger, *Principal*, THE BRATTLE GROUP

Lou Ann Westerfield, *Policy Strategist*, IDAHO PUC and *Chair*, NTTG COST ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

2:15-2:45

Afternoon refreshment and networking break hosted by:



2:45-3:45

Regulatory Perspectives on Developing Transmission to Meet Renewable Energy Standards—Expediting the Process

There are many transmission projects being proposed to meet renewable energy requirements in the western states. The approval process is complicated and sometimes cumbersome. This panel will discuss how states are working to integrate renewable energy, and how that impacts transmission siting processes, including the use of regional initiatives such as RETI, CREZ and WREZ.

Moderator:

William Conway Jr., *Partner*, SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

Panelists:

Traci Bone, *Attorney*, CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jason Marks, *Commissioner*, NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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

3:45-4:45 **Impact of 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 the impacts of these and other initiatives to promote transmission development.

Moderator:

Paul Kraske, *Partner*, SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

Panelists:

Bill Bojorquez, P.E., *Vice President, Planning*, HUNT TRANSMISSION SERVICES

Jolly Hayden, *Vice President of Transmission Development*, NEXTERA ENERGY, AN FPL GROUP COMPANY

Charles Jenkins, *Senior Vice President, Transmission & System Operations*, ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY

Jerry Vaninetti, *Vice President, Western Development*, TRANS-ELECT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

4:45-5:00 Forum Chair Concluding Remarks

5:00-6:30 Cocktail Reception Hosted by:

