

## WilmerHale Conference: Women in Energy and Infrastructure—Powering the Future

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Join us for the second annual Women in Energy and Infrastructure—Powering the Future conference. This event will provide a forum for women thought leaders from government, industry and non-governmental organizations to discuss a host of issues impacting energy and infrastructure in the United States.

Sessions will include senior government and private sector perspectives on federal reforms, trends and projections across the sectors, state vs. federal roles in policy and regulation, internal investigations and compliance improvements, and insights from the C-suite.

All guests are invited to a networking dinner Wednesday, November 28 on the eve of the conference.

Speakers include:

- **Marcella Burke**—Deputy Solicitor for the Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, US Department of the Interior\*
- **Nadia El Mallakh**—Assistant General Counsel, Xcel Energy
- **Maryam Brown**—Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Sempra Energy
- **Cara Hair**—Vice President Corporate Services, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
- **Abigail Ross Hopper**—President and CEO, Solar Energy Industries Association
- **Eileen Sobeck**—Executive Director, California State Water Resources Control Board
- **Amy Farrell**—Senior Vice President, Government & Public Affairs, American Wind Energy Association
- **Kristie Tice**—Senior Counsel, Chevron USA Inc.
- **Amanda Simpson**—Vice President, Research and Technology, Airbus Americas
- **Liz Klein**—Deputy Director, State Energy and Environmental Impact Center, NYU School of Law
- **Sherri Goodman**—Senior Advisor for International Security, The Center for Climate and Security and Senior Fellow, Wilson Center

- **Whitney Fiore**—Senior NEPA and Natural Resources Specialist, SWCA Environmental Consultants
- **Kathleen Staks**—Executive Director, Colorado Energy Office\*
- **Sarah Wallach**—Chief Operating Officer at Massachusetts Clean Energy Center\*

Panel sessions include:

### **Policies, Permitting, and Projects: Energy and Infrastructure Regulatory Reform**

From NEPA and ESA to streamlined permitting, a number of significant reform efforts are underway to modify the federal processes related to large energy and infrastructure projects. Panelists will discuss those efforts, offer insights on impacts to project development and the related industries more broadly, share practical experience, and identify considerations that may inform future improvements.

### **Driving Forces: Projections for the Next Decades in Energy**

The energy industry has undergone significant transformation over the last decade, and will look a lot different over the next ten years. Panelists will discuss drivers of those changes, including new sources of generation; technological advances; financing mechanisms; and foreign trade. The influence of key government, industry, and private stakeholders in that evolution also will be examined, with a focus on public-private partnerships and the interplay among utilities, private retail suppliers and ISOs. Lessons learned from weathering past changes will provide practical wisdom to prepare for and embrace coming advances.

### **State Roles in Energy and Infrastructure Policy and Regulation**

States have assumed a significant role in shaping domestic energy and infrastructure policy in recent years. Panelists will provide perspectives from states across the nation on topics including energy and infrastructure policies and incentives, renewable portfolio standards, permitting for large energy infrastructure projects, and the increasingly visible roles of governors and state attorneys general in these matters.

Find [key takeaways](#) from [last year's conference](#).

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