
Oil, Gas and LNG

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources: Natural Resources

We help clients navigate federal, state and local regulatory requirements that accompany oil, gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) ventures. Our lawyers regularly partner with colleagues in the firm's Public Policy and Legislative Affairs Practice to monitor upcoming federal, state and local agency rulemakings, changes and developments that impact the industry, allowing clients to plan for potential regulatory shifts. We also work closely with developers, environmental groups, Native American tribes and community organizations to proactively mitigate conflicts and identify mutually beneficial solutions to complex issues. Clients look to us for representation in investigations, enforcement activity and litigation brought by regulatory agencies, including the US Department of the Interior, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

Experience

Advising power and energy companies on regulatory issues related to the development of a 600-mile interstate natural gas transmission pipeline that would serve multiple public utilities, including securing federal permits, providing timely strategic advice to resolve potential sources of delay and ensure effective interagency coordination, developing a strategy for effective engagement with federal agencies, interfacing with federal regulators, preparing written correspondence and formal submissions to regulators, developing Draft Environmental Impact Statements, and preparing defensible records to support final federal decisions.

Representing a petroleum and natural gas production company in response to investigations and litigation arising out of a gas line explosion, including crisis response, community outreach, civil and criminal liability questions, and responding to inquiries from multiple federal and state regulators.

Advising a wholesale electricity supplier on a variety of regulatory and strategic issues related to the development of a 300-mile interstate natural gas transmission pipeline that would deliver natural gas to markets in the United States, including the federal permitting process and reviews by the National Park Service and other federal agencies.

Advising a natural gas company on federal and state regulations and negotiating a contractual framework agreement related to the design, construction and operation of a

deep-water LNG import terminal.

Advising an integrated oil and gas company on a broad range of trade issues—with a particular emphasis on the intersection of World Trade Organization (WTO) law and climate change—related to legislation in Europe and elsewhere in the world, including advice on various aspects of EU climate legislation, consistency with WTO and other international rules, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership issues, and LNG export restrictions.