



Multistate Decision Making for Renewable Energy and Transmission: Spotlight on Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming

**Denver, Colorado
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Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:10 a.m. **Welcome**
RON BINZ (CHAIRMAN, COLORADO PUC)
- 8:10 – 8:20 a.m. **Introduction**
DAVID HURLBUT (SENIOR ANALYST, NREL)
- 8:20 – 9:15 a.m. **Survey of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming
utility codes**
MARK DAVIDSON (PARTNER, HOLLAND & HART)
BRIAN MARVEL AND BENJAMIN KINNEY (UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LAW
SCHOOL)
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. **The public interest jurisdictionally and extra-
jurisdictionally:**
*What legal principles are available to guide state regulators
when called upon to reconcile their traditional charge to
protect jurisdictional interests with broader public interests
that may be at stake in decisions involving multistate
transmission projects and renewable energy development?*
ASHLEY BROWN (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HARVARD ELECTRICITY POLICY
GROUP, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY)
- Discussants:
Jason Marks (commissioner, New Mexico PRC), *moderator*
Paul Newman (commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission)
Joanne Reuter (attorney, former commission counsel to New Mexico PRC)
Robert Marritz (founding editor and publisher, *The Electricity Journal*)
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. – noon

The public interest jurisdictionally and extra-jurisdictionally:

Toward effective and empowered collaborative institutions for multistate decisions on transmission planning and cost allocation

MALCOLM MCLELLAN (PARTNER, VAN NESS FELDMAN)
LOU ANN WESTERFIELD (POLICY STRATEGIST, IDAHO PUC)

Discussants:

Steve Oxley (deputy chairman, Wyoming PUC) *moderator*
The Hon. Cale Case (Wyoming State Senator)
Greg Abel (chairman and CEO, PacifiCorp)

Noon – 1:30 pm

Lunch: Update on Federal Activities

LAWRENCE MANSUETI (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Constitutional Aspects of Multistate Alternative Energy Agreements

ROBIN CRAIG (PROFESSOR, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL)

Discussants:

Jim Tarpey (commissioner, Colorado PUC) *moderator*
Paul McCoy (president, Trans-elect Development Company)
Elias Quinn (senior policy analyst, Center for Energy and Environmental Security)

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

The Western Renewable Energy Zone Initiative:

Where Do We Go From Here?

Background:

Zone identification — David Hurlbut (senior analyst, NREL)
Transmission model, subsequent phases — Doug Larson (executive director, Western Interstate Energy Board)

Audience discussion:

Steve Ellenbecker (energy advisor, Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open discussion and wrap-up