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McNees Attorneys to Speak at Pennsylvania Energy Management Conference



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HARRISBURG, PA (October 20, 2016) – Attorneys from McNees Wallace & Nurick will speak at the 6th Annual Pennsylvania Energy Management Conference at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg in Camp Hill on Wednesday, October 26.

The events are open to all registrants of the conference.

Representing McNees Wallace & Nurick at the conference will be Pamela C. Polacek, who will join Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) commissioner David W. Sweet, and president and CEO of the Energy Association of Pennsylvania (EAP) Terrance J. Fitzpatrick, for a panel discussion entitled, “What’s Ahead in Pennsylvania... Regulatory and Legislative Update.” The presentation will touch on: Competitive Electric Markets, Natural Gas & Electric Rate Increases, Combined Heat and Power, Net Metering, Refunds for Deceptive ‘Polar Vortex’ Marketing & Billing Practices, Alternative Ratemaking, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Plans, and Modified Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards.

McNees member Susan E. Bruce will take part in an interactive workshop entitled “Insights into the Regional Electricity Market Operated by PJM.” Joined by Jason Barker, from the Exelon Corp., and Frederick “Stu” Bresler of PJM Interconnection LLC, Bruce will present a tutorial into the nuts and bolts of the more than 900 companies that are members of the PJM market. This will include how locational marginal prices are set; how the Reliability Pricing Model operates to set prices for capacity; the changes in the capacity rules under Capacity Performance; markets for ancillary services and how financial transmission rights, virtual bids and other tools are used to hedge congestion and other changes.

McNees’ Robert Weishaar, chairman of the Energy & Environmental group, and David S. Mabry, energy management specialist, will lead a presentation called, “Rapidly-Increasing Electricity Transmission Charges and Actionable Steps Customers Can Take to Manage.” The presentation will touch on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) litigation and complaints on electric utilities’ transmission formula rates and how different Pennsylvania utilities calculate transmission obligations.



Weishaar will also participate in a workshop entitled, “What is the New Future for Demand Response,” where the discussion will center on the federal government’s role in promoting demand response.

Charis Mincavage, of McNees’ Energy and Environmental Group, will speak on a panel discussing Energy Efficiency & Conservation – Update on PA Act 129. Mincavage will be joined by representatives from PECO, Exelon Company, FirstEnergy Corp., and PPL Corp. for the discussion on how Pennsylvania utilities are planning for upcoming demand.

Registration for the 6th Annual Pennsylvania Energy Management Conference is available online at www.MECseminars.com.

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