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McNees Attorney Susan Bruce to Present "On a Knife-Edge: Rewards and Penalties in Capacity Performance" at EBA's Mid-Year Meeting



Harrisburg, PA (Nov. 3, 2015) – On Nov. 18, 2015, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC attorney Susan Bruce will speak on a panel entitled "On a Knife-Edge: Rewards and Penalties in Capacity Performance" at the Energy Bar Association's (EBA) Mid-Year Meeting, one of the Association's largest annual gatherings of attorneys, non-attorneys and students in the energy industry.

The Mid-Year Meeting will take place on November 18 and 19th, at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The Mid-Year Meeting was designed to address key issues impacting energy law by bringing together decision makers on the topics of cybersecurity challenges presented by the increasing dependence of the electric grid on telecommunications; developments concerning the Environmental Protection Agency, including the Clean Power Plan; reforms occurring in organized markets; and integrating diverse resources into the grid.

Bruce's panel at the Mid-Year Meeting will focus on the 2014 Polar Vortex, which was a wakeup call for resource adequacy when an unexpectedly high percentage of power plants were not available, and reserve margins dipped to low levels. Since then PJM and ISO-New England have, with FERC's approval, reformed their capacity markets to "pay for performance," and other regions may follow. This panel will discuss the major issues involved (e.g., performance requirements, fuel supply, penalties, transition), and the implications for resources and for load. The results of capacity auctions conducted under the new rules will be reviewed. Other panelists include Frederick Stuart Bresler III, Sr. Vice President – Markets, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Raymond W. Hepper, VP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, ISO New England Inc.; and John E. Shelk, President & CEO, Electric Power Supply Association. The Honorable Philip D. Moeller, former Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will moderate the panel.



Bruce is a member of the firm's Energy & Environmental Group. She has a broad-based regulatory and transactional energy practice, primarily focused on representing commercial, institutional, industrial, and municipal customers in electric and natural gas matters. As part of her practice, she counsels electric and natural gas suppliers, Qualifying Facility owners, as well as telecommunications providers on regulatory compliance. Bruce has extensive experience before state regulatory agencies, legislatures, and appellate courts as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and regularly participates in the PJM stakeholder process on behalf of clients.

Bruce received her J.D. from William & Mary School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Duke University. She is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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