

Services & Industries

Energy and Utilities

OVERVIEW

For nearly a century, Day Pitney lawyers have been nationally recognized for their Energy and Utilities practice. Representing a diverse group of clients across the nation and around the world, we develop and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges confronting the energy and utility industries. Our clients include electric, gas and water utilities; debt and equity investors; generators, transmitters and marketers; equipment contractors; and other energy and utility market participants.

Day Pitney's Energy and Utilities lawyers utilize the full range of our firm's resources to meet the diverse needs of our clients. As required, we assemble teams of lawyers with experience in energy development and regulation, mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, corporate, tax, finance, antitrust, litigation, real estate, and environmental law.

Our lawyers have extensive knowledge of the energy and utility industries, the regulatory environment in which they operate and their highly competitive landscapes. Our team includes lawyers who have held senior executive positions in the energy industry and in government. Members of the team serve, or have served, as general counsel to the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL), special nuclear general counsel to a utility during the time its plants were on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) watch list, and general counsel for two nuclear plants during their decommissioning. Several of our lawyers have extensive prior experience as members of the in-house law departments of major utilities or energy companies.

We assist our clients in navigating critical business issues that define the ever-changing energy and utility industries, including matters involving:

- Federal and state regulation and compliance
- Infrastructure development and investments
- Mergers, consolidations and divestitures
- Renewable energy
- Nuclear energy

- Water companies
- Trial and appellate litigation
- Bankruptcy, reorganization and restructuring
- Siting, both environmental and real estate
- Natural gas, including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
- Administrative hearings and alternative dispute resolution

Day Pitney's clients continue to be at the forefront of both the retail and wholesale utility sectors. We have created new organizational vehicles to drive industry restructuring, such as Independent System Operators (ISOs), Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), stakeholder boards and Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) tracking systems. We have also assisted entities with major divestitures, corporate reorganizations, new product offerings and related issues arising out of electric industry restructuring. Our clients have retained us to represent them before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the NRC, the Department of Energy (DOE), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other state and federal regulatory bodies across the country. We routinely work with executive and legislative officials at the highest state and federal levels. We also have worked with the North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC) and have advised clients on NERC-related matters.

Transmission Development

We have provided strategic counsel to clients in the FERC's transmission reform efforts to facilitate the development of new transmission assets, as directed in FERC's Order No. 1000. In addition to working with public utilities in developing tariff language to meet that Order, our attorneys have also worked with new transmission-focused entities across the country in transmission formula and incentive rate applications that are designed to support their effective participation in the competitive solicitation processes administered by the RTOs. We have also assisted merchant transmission developers in their efforts to obtain negotiated rate authorizations and other project development regulatory approvals.

INSIGHTS

"Am I a Public Utility? A Primer on QFs, EWGs and Market-Based Rate Authority," Day Pitney
May 18, 2023

On May 18, we are hosting a one-hour webinar titled, "Am I a Public Utility? A Primer on QFs, EWGs and Market-Based Rate Authority," to discuss the challenges of sorting through the FERC's regulations and practices for Qualifying Facilities (QFs), Exempt Wholesale Generators (EWGs) and Market-Based Rate (MBR) authority.

"Challenges and Opportunities in the Hydrogen Industry," Day Pitney

March 20, 2023

On March 20, Day Pitney hosted a one-hour webinar titled, "Challenges and Opportunities in the Hydrogen Industry," to discuss recent developments in the emerging hydrogen economy.

"Building a Diverse Energy Workforce," Day Pitney

January 12, 2023

On Thursday, January 12, we hosted a one-hour webinar to discuss the challenges of creating a diverse, inclusive and equitable workforce in the energy industry.

"Annual Meeting & Fall Fête 2022," New England Women in Energy and the Environment

November 17, 2022

On November 17, Day Pitney is sponsoring the New England Women in Energy and the Environment's Annual Meeting and Fall Fête 2022.

"Can Markets Get Us More Reliable?" Northeast Energy and Commerce Association

December 5, 2022

On December 5, Day Pitney Energy and Utilities Attorney Rosendo Garza is moderating the "Can Markets Get Us More Reliable?" at the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association's Annual Power Markets Conference, "Electricity Markets at a Crossroads: How to Achieve Decarbonization While Maintaining Reliability & Affordability."

NEWS

Former Conn. State Secretary, Law Dean Among Bar Honorees

April 25, 2023

Day Pitney Energy Senior Associate Rosendo Garza Jr. was featured in the *Law360 Pulse* article, "Former Conn. State Secretary, Law Dean Among Bar Honorees."

Day Pitney Sponsors the 2023 NEWIEE Annual Awards Gala

April 13, 2023

Day Pitney is a sponsor of the 2023 New England Women in Energy and the Environment's (NEWIEE) 2023 Annual Awards Gala being held on April 27 at The Westin Copley Place Boston.

Energy and Utilities Partners Sebastian Lombardi and Evan Reese Named to 2023 Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers List

March 24, 2023

Day Pitney Energy and Utilities Partners Sebastian M. Lombardi (Hartford) and Evan C. Reese III (Washington, DC) have been named to the inaugural 2023 Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy

Lawyers list. For more information on the methodology, click [here](#).

Chambers Global 2023 Ranks Day Pitney's Energy Practice Group and Attorneys

February 21, 2023

Day Pitney Press Release

Conn. Bar Foundation Elects 22 Attys As Fellows

February 17, 2023

Day Pitney Energy Partner Sebastian M. Lombardi's election by the Connecticut Bar Foundation's board of directors to the James W. Cooper Fellows Program was featured in the *Law360 Pulse* article, "Conn. Bar Foundation Elects 22 Attys As Fellows."

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