

# Energy Newsletter



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## REGULATORY

### Environmental

#### **Recent Common Sense Decisions on Source Aggregation: A Roadmap for Regulating Oil and Gas Emissions?**

*Cynthia AM Stroman*

Given the significant increase in exploration and production in shale formations across the United States, whether air emissions from oil and gas operations are federally-regulated major sources or state-regulated minor sources is of significant interest. [More »](#)

### D.C. Regulatory

#### **The FTC's Revised Green Guides Provide Direction for Renewable Energy Marketing Claims**

*Harold Shaw, Jeff Perry*

The 2012 Green Guides outline general principles that apply to any marketing claims involving the environmental attributes of a product, package, or service, regardless of whether it is being marketed to individuals or in a business-to-business context. [More »](#)

### FERC

#### **FERC Proposes Rule to Address Threat to Power Grid from Geomagnetic Disturbances**

*Neil Levy, David Tewksbury, Bruce Richardson, Grace Su*

FERC's NOPR was prompted by concerns that the interaction of the Earth's magnetic field and solar events can cause low frequency geomagnetically induced currents to flow along the surface of the Earth and into the bulk-power system.

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### UK Competition Law

#### **UK Competition Commission Publishes Energy License Modification Appeals Rules**

*Suzanne Rab*

The rules set out how the Competition Commission intends to ensure that appeals against decisions by Ofgem to modify energy licences are conducted in a fair, efficient, and timely manner. [More »](#)

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## TRANSACTIONAL

### Corporate / London

#### **Investment in the UK North Sea: A tax cut designed to increase revenue**

## In The News

Tim Burbury reflects on how 'district energy' is quickly gaining traction globally in *The International District Energy Association* [PDF]

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*Susanna Marshall*

A summary of the present investment environment for oil and gas assets in the UK North Sea. [More »](#)

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## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Tort Litigation

#### **FERC Denies Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Radon Lung Cancer Risk Claim**

*Ralph H. Johnson*

FERC recently rejected claims that radon in Marcellus Shale natural gas would lead to thousands of lung cancer deaths for New York consumers, finding that “Marcellus-sourced gas will not pose a health hazard to end users.” [More »](#)

### Oil & Gas Litigation

#### **SEC Sued Over Dodd-Frank Extractive Industries Rule**

*Martha Buttry, Jeff Perry*

The American Petroleum Institute and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others, recently challenged a federal regulation requiring certain publicly-traded oil, gas, and mining companies to disclose payments made to governments for the development of natural resources. [More »](#)

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