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UK Shale Exploitation: Securing Subsurface Access Rights

Susanna Marshall

The UK government supports shale gas development for the significant economic and energy security benefits it perceives development will bring. The government is considering steps to allow operators to efficiently secure subsurface access rights from landowners. [More »](#)

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Taking the Road Best Travelled? CFE seeks electric-gas "convergence"

Adrian L. Talamantes, James F. Bowe, Jr.

The U.S. Congress passed legislation that could restrict funding of large hydropower projects by the U.S. or international financial institutions that the U.S. funds, as well as increase scrutiny of such funded projects. [More »](#)

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Pemex Requests Mexico E&P Areas from SENER

Adrian L. Talamantes

On March 21, 2014 Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex) submitted its "round zero" proposal to the Secretaría de Energía (SENER), Mexico's department of energy. [More »](#)

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Energy Policy and Tax Policy Are Inseparable

Michael A. Andrews, Abraham N.M. Shashy, Jr.

The tax code may not be the best way to design a strategically sustainable energy policy, but for the past century, it has been the most important. In the coming months, as the congressional debate over tax reform intensifies, the nation's energy policy should be central to that debate. [More »](#)

FERC

FERC Decision Rejects Oil Pipeline's Petition for Declaratory Order Approving Contract Rates, Special Prorationing Methodologies and Priority Access to Excess Capacity

James F. Bowe, Jr.

FERC rejects, for the first time, an oil pipeline petition seeking approval of proposed rates and terms of service, a prorationing policy, and preferential

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Upcoming Events

**King & Spalding
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FERC

FERC Proposes Development of Physical Security Standards for the Bulk-Power System

Neil L. Levy, Bruce L. Richardson, Jeffrey H. Perry

On March 7, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directed the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to develop reliability standards requiring owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System to address risks due to physical security threats and vulnerabilities in order to enhance the resilience of the transmission grid.

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