



Carbon and Energy Trading and Finance Committee

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Cooperative Federalism and Green Infrastructure Development

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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time / 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central Time
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Program Overview:

Success of current Federal green infrastructure initiatives for national programs in the areas of (1) carbon cap and trade, (2) renewable portfolio standards (RPS), and (3) transmission siting authority will likely depend on their harmonization with existing state and regional programs and attention to special regional impacts.

Legal questions concerning cooperative “federalism,” and doctrines such as “preemption” and “supremacy” and “states rights,” inevitably have arisen. The ability of lawmakers and regulators to develop forms of workable cooperative federalism will effectively determine the practical success of these and similar future Federal initiatives.

This timely Quick Teleconference will not only specifically illuminate the carbon/energy independence debates, but spotlight how their resolution will continue to reverberate through all levels of future regulation. The objective of the program is to inform practitioners and policymakers on state-federal issues associated with the development of a national green infrastructure.

Faculty:

Moderator:

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Questions?

Do you have a question that you would like the panel to address? Please email your question to Roger Feldman, rogerfeldman@andrewskurth.com by Monday, March 30, 2009 at noon Eastern Time and the panel will make every effort to address your inquiry.

