

Annual Energy Roundtable

DISRUPTIVE ELECTRICITY TECHNOLOGIES:  
CHALLENGES FOR COMPETITION

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.	<b>MORNING REFRESHMENTS</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Diana Moss, President, American Antitrust Institute
9:10 a.m.	<b>THE YEAR IN REVIEW</b> Dave Mohre, Executive Director, Energy and Power Division, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
9:40 a.m.	<b>MORNING PANEL: DISRUPTIVE ELECTRICITY TECHNOLOGIES – THE CONSUMER, THE UTILITY, AND THE MARKETS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the distributed generation, demand response, and advanced metering technologies being adopted today? What technologies are on the horizon?</li><li>• Where in the supply chain is energy efficiency most efficiently delivered? What issues surround utility delivery of efficiency, versus delivery closer to or at the consumer level?</li><li>• What regulatory policy developments and controversies surround the integration, pricing, and access of disruptive technologies? Do these technologies put pressure on the existing utility model and if so, what changes would be necessary to accommodate them?</li><li>• How do disruptive technologies challenge traditional retail-wholesale electricity market relationships? Are adjustments in how we conceptualize and manage the wholesale-retail paradigm necessary?</li></ul> <b>MODERATOR:</b> John E. Kwoka, Neal F. Finnegan Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics, Northeastern University <b>PANELISTS:</b> Paula Carmody, Maryland People’s Counsel Jade Eaton, Trial Attorney, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice Abraham Silverman, Assistant General Counsel–Regulatory, NRG Energy Paul Sotkiewicz, Chief Economist, Markets Division, PJM Interconnection
10:50 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>

11:00 a.m.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE</b> Heather Bailey, Executive Director of Energy Strategy and Electric Utility Development, City of Boulder Energy Future
1:00 p.m.	<p><b>AFTERNOON PANEL: COMPETITIVE ISSUES SURROUNDING DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES – EMERGING CONCERNS, LESSONS FROM HISTORY, AND ENFORCEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the competitive challenges that disruptive technologies pose for new entrants? How are different types of incumbents responding to competitive pressures?</li> <li>• What lessons are there to be learned, if any, from our experience in the 1980s and 1990s involving competition from qualifying facilities and cogenerators under PURPA?</li> <li>• Do access issues involving disruptive technologies pose any conflicts or tensions regarding state-federal jurisdiction? What about antitrust immunity questions such as filed rate or state action doctrine?</li> <li>• What roles are private and government enforcement likely to play in addressing competitive issues surrounding disruptive technologies moving forward?</li> </ul> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Diana Moss, President, American Antitrust Institute</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b> Jeff Dennis, Director of the Division of Policy Development in the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Mark Hegedus, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission Jeffrey I. Shinder, Partner, Constantine Cannon</p>
2:10 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
2:20 p.m.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
3:15 p.m.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN</b>