Sunday, July 9, 2017

Legal Forum Registration
[West Foyer]
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception
[Aria Lawn]
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

Monday, July 10, 2017

Late Registration/Buffet Breakfast
[West Foyer/North Courtyard]
7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION
[Ballroom B]
8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Opening Remarks and Antitrust Compliance Reminder from Legal Forum Program Chair

Leslie T. Thornton
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Washington Gas
and Vice Chair, AGA Legal Committee

Welcome to San Diego and the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. Service Territory

Erbin B. Keith
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
and Member, AGA Legal Committee

CEO Expectations for Inside and Outside Counsel in the Year Ahead
CEOs have special relationships with inside and outside counsel. This presentation will provide insight into what a CEO might expect from his/her attorneys in the year ahead for the industry.

Pierce H. Norton, II
President & CEO
ONE Gas, Inc.
and Chairman, AGA Board of Directors

Anatomy of an NTSB Investigation
The National Transportation Safety Board has jurisdiction over significant natural gas pipeline accidents. Advance preparation will usually pay big dividends in the event of an NTSB accident investigation.

Sean L. Dalton
Acting General Counsel
National Transportation Safety Board

Thomas W. Tobin
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Federal, State and Local Challenges to Natural Gas Infrastructure and Update on Changes at FERC
Presentation will focus on FERC permitting issues, including a review of recent appellate decisions and state/federal preemption issues, non-federal challenges with infrastructure development, and an update on other FERC issues including the new commissioner confirmation process.

Pamela J. Anderson
Perkins Coie

M. Lisanne Crowley
Troutman Sanders

Coffee Break

Mergers and Acquisitions from the General Counsel’s Perspective
Natural gas local distribution companies have had several mergers and acquisitions in the last few years. Several LDC general counsel who have been involved in this issue, will present the trials and tribulations and best practices advice on the subject.

Jane Lewis-Raymond, Moderator
Parker Poe

Mark C. Darrell
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer
Spire Inc.

Paul R. Shlanta
Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer
Southern Company Gas

Leslie T. Thornton
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Washington Gas
Regulatory Enforcement & Citizen Suits in the New Administration
This presentation will discuss the citizen suit provisions and related litigation risks under the key federal environmental and safety laws, i.e., the Clean Water Act/Clean Air Act and Pipeline Safety Act.

Keith J. Coyle
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Stacey H. Mitchell
Akin Gump

Lunch
On Your Own

Reception and Dinner
[Capella Courtyard / Elizabeth Capella]
6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Buffet Breakfast
[North Courtyard]
7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION
[Ballroom B]
8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks from Legal Forum Program Chair

Natural Gas System Integrity and Declining Emissions
Certain environmental activist groups are engaged in a steady anti-methane campaign targeted against natural gas companies and projects. Recent incidents have been used in these campaigns, but they need to be kept into the broader perspective of natural gas system integrity improvements the industry has made. The evolution of natural gas releases since commercial natural gas production began in the 1800s will be discussed and how those releases have declined in the modern era.

Sharon Tomkins
Vice President & General Counsel
Southern California Gas Company

William Garner
Greenberg Traurig

Cybersecurity: Governance and Compliance
This panel will examine the evolving standard of preparedness and care utilities are taking when analyzing cybersecurity risks and what policies, procedures, standards and documentation should be in place pre- and post-incident. It will also discuss how legal counsel might continue to help prepare boards for cybersecurity events including briefing, acknowledging risk, use of risk management tools, and including cybersecurity analysis in other board decision making processes, e.g., acquisitions, joint ventures, etc.

Brian E. Finch
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

Craig A. Newman
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP

Coffee Break

Affiliate Transactions, New Business Models and Regulatory
Discussion of Citizens’ development of an LNG transportation fuel business and the regulatory issues that may arise and parallel business cases in other jurisdictions.

Michael E. Allen
Associate General Counsel
Citizens Energy Group

John P. Ratnaswamy
Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP

We Have Insurance For That, Don’t We?
How much do companies really know about their current insurance coverage for catastrophic losses? Does your company and broker have the coverage you think you have? How often might coverage audits be conducted? How informed will you be if (when) your company suffers a large loss and one of the first inquiries of the CEO or Board is to you: “We have insurance for that, don’t we?” This presentation will help you evaluate the issues in advance and suggest proactive steps so you might be more comfortable with your coverage.

Mary Rose Hughes
Perkins Coie

Regulatory Concerns for LDCs
A discussion of the current regulatory developments and concerns for LDCs including LDC Recordkeeping Requirements (how PHMSA has proposed codifying TVC records in its transmission integrity management rule amendment, how might that be implemented and enforced and how might it affect LDCs) and Bandimere v. SEC (U.S. Const.’s Appointments Clause’s impact on the jurisdiction of agencies to adjudicate complaints and impose sanctions).

Philip Bennett
Mogel & Sweet

Henry P. Sorett
Brickley, Sears & Sorett

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