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Energy and Oil and Gas Law

The energy lawyers at Chamberlain Hrdlicka have significant experience in assisting energy companies in many sectors of the energy industry.

Our depth of experience distinguishes us from other firms, and it yields important advantages for our clients as we quickly identify the best and most cost-effective means to achieve our clients' goals. We have worked as inside and outside general counsel to energy firms; thus, we appreciate how much value you place on superior legal work performed quickly and at a reasonable price. Three elements – quality, speed and value – are the watchwords of our energy law practice.

Areas of Expertise

- **Project Finance:** Working with finance experts at Chamberlain Hrdlicka or at other firms, we can secure everything from construction and interim financing to long-term credit facilities, and we have handled sizable debt restructurings involving domestic and overseas underwriters.
- **Renewable Energy:** We have represented wind and solar developers in their pre-development work, development and land rights acquisition phases and project finance. We have integrated our firm's strength in its tax practice with our renewable energy practice to advise our clients in structuring transactions as to the production tax credit and investment tax credit, providing sophisticated representation and good value to our renewable energy clients.
- **Mergers & Acquisitions:** We have represented buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions throughout the industry. Our lawyers are particularly experienced in the acquisition or disposition of energy assets such as pipelines, processing and gathering facilities, and oil and gas properties.
- **Dispute Resolution:** One thing is certain in the gas-to-power marketplace today's pricing will not reflect tomorrow's reality. With years of experience in gas and power marketing and trading, asset development and financing, our lawyers are uniquely equipped to resolve disputes that inevitably attend a maturing marketplace. Clients respect our skill in mediation, arbitration and litigation -and so do our adversaries.

Representative Matters

- Contract-based transaction for financing 1300 MW of peaking power plants, underwritten by Westdeutsche Landesbank (460 MW Brownsville, TN plant; 450 MW Caledonia, MS plant; 390 MW New Albany, MS plant), valued at \$400 million
- 8 MW solar project in southern California
- 10 MW solar project in northern California
- 50 MW wind project in west Texas
- 80 MW wind project in Pennsylvania

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- Co-generation project adjacent to an E&P production field with related steam and electricity agreements
- Senior secured credit facilities for 1200 MW Cottonwood Energy facility near Beaumont, TX, arranged by Deutsche Bank and BNP Paribas, valued at \$568 million
- Senior secured credit facilities for 1200 MW Redbud Energy facility near Oklahoma City, OK, arranged by Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Securities LLC and Salomon Smith Barney Inc., valued at \$560 million
- Senior secured credit facilities for 900 MW Magnolia Energy facility near Ashland, MS, arranged by ABN AMRO Bank NV and Credit Lyonnais, New York Branch, valued at \$430 million
- Construction bridge loan for 215 MW Wildflower Energy project (129 MW Indigo facility near Palm Springs, CA and the 86 MW Larkspur facility near San Diego, CA) structured and underwritten by Deutsche Bank, Fortis Bank, Nord LB and Citibank, valued at \$135 million
- RUS debt restructurings for Vermont Electric Power Cooperative, Allegheny Electric Power Cooperative, Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, and Plains Electric Power Cooperative, valued at \$1.7 billion
- Sale of 50% interests in energy facilities in Arkansas and Alabama, valued at \$ 10 million

