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Leonard, Street and Deinard's Energy attorneys have extensive experience representing all segments of the natural gas industry in both regulatory proceedings and commercial transactions. We represent producers, pipelines, storage providers, marketers, local distribution companies, end-users and investors in a wide variety of transactions. On both the federal and state levels, our attorneys help clients obtain or challenge transaction-specific authorizations to construct or operate new facilities, or to change services or rates.

REGULATION

Leonard, Street and Deinard attorneys have decades of experience working at or appearing before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and various state regulatory agencies. Our attorneys have helped pipelines and storage providers, as well as their customers, to comply with a myriad of federal regulations, but most notably to (1) prepare, file, and litigate rate cases and (2) coordinate real estate, environmental and competitive requirements necessary to draft and prosecute applications for authorization to construct or abandon pipeline and storage facilities. We assist pipelines in drafting tariffs, including new service offerings, gas quality specifications and compliance filings, and will be able to make the new e-tariff filings that will soon be required by the FERC. Our Energy group attorneys bring their knowledge of the pipeline and storage industries to bear for clients (including electric generators, gas marketers and producers) in proceedings before the FERC. In particular, our Energy attorneys help pipeline and storage customers understand and comply with rules regarding the acquisition or release of transportation and storage capacity, as well as prosecuting challenges to changes requested by pipelines and storage providers. Our attorneys also help pipelines, liquefied natural gas facilities, and marketers and their customers, obtain regulatory authorization from the FERC and Department of Energy, as well as complying with U.S. Customs import/export rules.

TRANSACTIONS

Leonard, Street and Deinard's Energy attorneys help clients develop pipeline and storage projects and we regularly negotiate and draft underlying project documents ranging from corporate formation to real estate conveyances to financing and construction; our attorneys also regularly assist prospective pipeline and storage customers in connection with securing service from proposed pipeline and storage project developers. Additionally, our Energy attorneys regularly represent clients in a wide range of natural gas transactions, including bilateral long-term fuel supply agreements, master agreements (e.g., NAESB and ISDA agreements), and complex energy conversion and tolling agreements. As a result, we have extensive experience negotiating and drafting agreements related to the production, gathering, processing, transportation, storage and purchase of natural gas. In particular our attorneys negotiate and draft Asset Management Agreements under FERC's Order No. 712, which provide marketers with significant operational and regulatory flexibility with regard to transportation services.

CONTACT US

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