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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 lawyers help clients obtain or challenge transaction-specific authorizations to construct or operate new facilities or to change services or rates.

REGULATION

Leonard Street lawyers have decades of experience working at or appearing before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and various state regulatory agencies. Our lawyers have helped pipelines and storage providers 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. Leonard Street brings its knowledge of the pipeline and storage industries to bear for customers (including electric generators, marketers, and producers) in proceedings initiated by utilities. In particular, our energy team helps pipeline customers understand and comply with the rules regarding the acquisition or release of transportation and storage capacity. Leonard Street lawyers have also help pipelines, liquefied natural gas facilities, and marketers obtain regulatory authorization from the FERC and Department of Energy, as well as comply with import/export rules.

TRANSACTIONS

Leonard Street's energy lawyers help clients develop pipeline and storage projects and, therefore, negotiate and draft underlying project documents ranging from corporate formation to real estate conveyances to financing and construction; alternatively our lawyers help prospective customers, secure service from proposed 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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