

Energy Law and Policy

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Syllabus

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Book: Energy, Economics and the Environment, Cases and Materials, 4th Ed. (2015) by Eisen, Hammond, Rossi, Spence, Weaver and Wiseman. Foundation Press.

Classroom: 230, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:10-5:30 pm.

Assignments: (note that the assignments below reflect the total number of pages and the order in which they are covered in the course. At the start of each week, the pages for the next week will be posted on the board). There will be handouts from time to time on current developments relating to the assignments.

Chapter 1. Introduction

– pages 1-27.

2015 EIA Energy Flow Chart

Hickey, “Some Legal Impacts of the Emerging International Climate Regime on Energy Prices”, 4 Global Bus. L. Rev. 1 (2013).

Chapter 5. Controlling Externalities of Fossil-fueled Generation (coal, oil and natural gas)

– pages 257-276

290-330

Chapter 2. Public Utility Principles and Overview of the Electric Power Industry

– pages 27-87.

108- 109.

Chapter 8. Rate Regulation Principles

-- pages 455-460

464-472

474-487

492-496

500-501

506 (section2)-508

511-532

Chapter 10. Electric Power Markets

– pages 625-685

699-708

719-23

Chapter 11. Renewable Power

– pages 727-753

758-767

776-84

789-802

812-815

Hickey and Ryou, “The Distributed Generation (DG) Phenomenon”, 15 J. Int’l Bus. & Law 163 (2016).

Chapter 7. Nuclear Energy

-- pages 395-430

435-445

*Chapter 13. Conservation, Efficiency and the “Smart Grid”

– pages 898-916

921-934

* = aspirational!

Grades:

If class enrollment is more than 25 students (26 and above) grades will be determined in accordance with the mandatory curve. Your grade will be determined on the basis of the final examination. There will be an opportunity for a grade “bump up” (one third letter grade) based on attendance and meaningful participation at the discretion of the teacher.

Attendance:

Attendance is required. A sign-in roll will be distributed at the beginning of each class and collected at the end of each class. You are only to sign for yourself and no one else. The roll will be the definitive record of your attendance and it is the student’s responsibility to sign the roll. After 4 absences, a student’s lack of attendance will be forwarded to the Administration to deal with. At this point, the matter becomes one solely between the Dean’s office and the student.

Learning Objectives and Goals:

Students will learn the fundamentals of federal energy law and policy through examination and analysis of relevant cases, statutes and regulations in legal, policy and economic contexts. The goal is to equip students with an in depth understanding of the basic federal energy law and policy that will have relevance and application to the practice of law in the decades ahead. Special emphasis will be placed on putting specific subject matter within an analytical model involving the relationship of energy fuel cycles and the regulatory cycle.

Class Preparation:

The ABA requires that you spend at least an average of 6 hours a week studying for this course in addition to classroom time.