

2025 NRECA G&T LEGAL SEMINAR

Date and Location

Hilton Portland Downtown
Portland, OR
Nov. 5 (G&T Lawyers Assoc.)
Nov. 6-7 (Seminar)



Registration Fee

G&T Legal Seminar	\$1,150
Spouse/Guest Registration	\$200

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G&T Legal Seminar Day One – November 6 (Up to 7 CLE Credits)

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8:00-9:30 a.m. Session 1	2025 Legislative and Regulatory Update This session will provide an overview of the political landscape in Washington, D.C. with a focus on the regulatory reset that has taken place between the Biden Administration and President Trump’s second term. The session will also address President Trump’s unprecedented use of executive authority and the dynamics of a Republican-held White House with narrow Republican majorities in the House and Senate. Against the backdrop of a volatile and unpredictable political landscape, this session will address how G&T cooperatives are working collaboratively with NRECA to stay the course in advancing safe, affordable, and reliable energy to their members. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louis Finkel, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, NRECA• Ashley Slater, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Government Relations, NRECA
15-MINUTE BREAK	
9:45-10:45 a.m. Session 2	National Legal Update This session will address recent legal developments impacting, or potentially impacting, electric generation and transmission cooperatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ty Thompson, NRECA Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Director and Member Legal Services, Office of General Counsel

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10:45-11:45 a.m. Session 3	<p>Order 1920 Transmission Reform – Are We There Yet?</p> <p>After four years in the making, will FERC Order 1920 be: (1) a panacea for everything that ails transmission policy; (2) a roadmap for forcing intermittent generation on the grid at the expense of reliability; or (3) something in between? Panelists will discuss whether Order 1920 will enhance reliable affordable grid services to consumers during a time of unprecedented demand growth, generation retirements, and challenges to infrastructure resiliency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Christiansen, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati • Phil Moeller, Director, Babcock & Wilcox • Mary Ann Ralls, Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel, Government Relations, NRECA
<p>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.</p>	
1:15-2:15 p.m. Session 4	<p>Antitrust Considerations for G&Ts</p> <p>G&Ts may be competitors in certain circumstances, such as in the sale or purchase of wholesale electricity, and in recruiting or hiring employees. Further, a G&T's members may be competitors, such as in bidding for large loads or other commercial accounts. Antitrust considerations may affect how G&Ts and their members approach these issues. This session will cover antitrust law basics and why antitrust matters for G&Ts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Lindsay, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP • Jessica Healy, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
<p>15-MINUTE BREAK</p>	
2:30-4:00 p.m. Session 5	<p>Large Loads: The Good, the Bad, and the Unresolved</p> <p>Large loads, such as data centers, are changing the way the energy industry is framing resource adequacy as well as the infrastructure necessary to get supply to demand. This session will summarize the current federal landscape and feature an in-depth discussion among G&Ts who have been down this road, covering everything from whether large loads are good for your member cooperatives, to regulatory challenges, to structuring business arrangements with the Googles of the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Crawford, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • Mary Ann Ralls, Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel, Government Relations, NRECA
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4:15-5:15 p.m. Session 6	<p>Shifting Currents: The Trump EPA’s Approach to Power Sector GHG Regulations</p> <p>Under the Trump Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reversed course on the Power Plant Rule. As a result, litigation over the Power Plant Rule is currently in abeyance. EPA is now on the path to repealing all greenhouse gas requirements for the power sector by proposing to find that greenhouse gas emissions from the sector do not significantly contribute to dangerous air pollution. This session will provide an overview of EPA’s proposal and NRECA’s comments, as well as perspectives about the future of greenhouse gas regulation for the power sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie Olson, Senior Staff Counsel, Basin Electric Power Cooperative • Mike Schon, Partner, Lehotsky Keller Cohn, LLP • Dan Bosch, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • Viktoria Seale, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA
<p align="center">RECEPTION 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.</p>	
<p align="center">G&T Legal Seminar Day Two – November 7 (Up to 5 CLE Credits)</p>	
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8:00-9:00 a.m. Session 7	<p>Ready Lawyer One: Navigating the Cyber Frontier</p> <p>Safeguarding the cybersecurity of our grid is a priority for cooperatives. This panel will provide an overview of the current threat landscape and cover key cybersecurity issues for G&Ts, such as governance risk, ransomware attacks, and the convergence of Information Technology/Operational Technology. The session will then shift focus to the current regulatory outlook including an update on the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act (CIRCIA) and the status of the DHS rulemaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ransom, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • Nick Pascale, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
9:00-10:00 a.m. Session 8	<p>Environmental and Natural Resources Permitting Updates</p> <p>Cooperatives must navigate a complex web of environmental permitting challenges when siting generation and linear projects. This session will provide an update on existing federal actions and applicable court decisions involving NEPA, Protected Species, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, and Waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vlad Dorjets, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • Megan Olmstead, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA
<p align="center">15-MINUTE BREAK</p>	

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10:15-11:15 p.m. Session 9	Navigating the Latest Federal Grants and Incentives Landscape President Trump’s executive actions, energy policy priorities, and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act have significantly impacted the federal grants and incentives available to cooperatives investing in energy infrastructure projects. This session will address the latest developments regarding the priority programs for cooperatives at USDA and the U.S. Department of Energy, how the U.S. Treasury is handling implementation of tax credits, and what may be coming next that could impact your G&T’s outlook for a project utilizing federal grants, tax credits, or both. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephanie Crawford, Regulatory Affairs Director, NRECA• Luke Theriot, Regulatory Affairs Director, NRECA
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Session 10	Wildfire Risk, Preparedness, and Liabilities Wildfire is an existential and growing threat to cooperatives nationwide. This session will provide an overview of the risks and liabilities associated with wildfire; current federal wildfire actions and permitting challenges; perspective on the outlook for insurance coverage in high, and low, risk areas moving forward; and lessons learned from cooperatives that have survived catastrophic fire events. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corey Parr, Chief Operating Officer, Federated Rural Electric Insurance• Megan Olmstead, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA• Nick Pascale, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
PICKUP BOXED LUNCH – NETWORKING LUNCH 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	
1:00-2:00 p.m. Session 11	Recent Developments in Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility This session will review significant developments in the areas of legal ethics and professional responsibility and discuss their impact on the practice of law for both in-house and outside counsel. The session will cover an array of topics, including, among other things, confidentiality obligations, conflicts of interest, and the use of generative artificial intelligence tools in the practice of law. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tyler Butler, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA