

2026 NRECA G&T LEGAL SEMINAR

Date and Location

The Grand Hotel

Point Clear, Ala.

Nov. 4 (G&T Lawyers Assoc.)

Nov. 5-6 (Seminar)



Registration Fees

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

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G&T Legal Seminar Day One – November 5 (Up to 7.5 CLE Credits)

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8-9:30 a.m. Session 1	2026 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. - Ashley Slater, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Government Relations, NRECA - Hill Thomas, Vice President, Legislative 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. Ty Thompson, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Director and Member Legal Services, Office of General Counsel, NRECA

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10:45-11:45 a.m. Session 3	Navigating Utility Wildfire Risk and Liability Utilities across the nation are working to protect their systems and communities from wildfire events. This session will explore wildfire mitigation permitting challenges and risk reduction tips and delve into some of the unique insurance and litigation challenges utilities increasingly experience. • Mitchell Diles, Associate, McGuireWoods LLP • Megan Olmstead, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • Nick Pascale, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
NETWORKING LUNCH 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	
1:15-2:15 p.m. Session 4	Unpacking FERC Efforts to Accelerate Large Load Integration onto the Grid Without Shifting Costs to the Rest of Us FERC's recent RTO/ISO Show Cause Orders on Large Loads are running the gamut between the Administration's speed-to-power initiatives for data centers and protecting ratepayers. Will the RTOs/ISOs be able to establish rules that address large load integration onto the grid while threading this needle? What will the impact of all of this be on unorganized markets? • Joe Baumann, Chief Legal Officer, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Michigan • Kurt Helfrich, General Counsel, Buckeye Power and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Ohio • Brian Prestwood, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, Associated Electric Cooperative, Missouri • Mary Ann Ralls, Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel, Government Relations, NRECA
2:15-3:15 p.m. Session 5	The Data Center Boom: Legal Issues to Process Before the Servers Start Humming This session will build on the data center discussion by addressing the evolving legal landscape related to serving or connecting a data center. Presenters will cover managing risk, structuring contracts including three-party agreements with distribution cooperatives, and an overview of state legislative and tariff activity. • Taylor Calcara, General Counsel, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Kansas • David Samford, General Counsel, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Kentucky • Jessica Healy, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
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3:30-4:30 p.m. Session 6	Exhibit A(I): Legal Lessons for a Connected Grid This session will provide an overview of emerging cybersecurity and technology issues affecting electric utilities, including regulatory developments and evolving risk considerations. Attendees will gain insight into new advances in artificial intelligence, such as Anthropic’s Mythos, and how legal teams can prepare for the opportunities, challenges, and potential security implications these technologies may create. - Nick Pascale, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA - John Ransom, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA
4:30-5:30 p.m. Session 7	Artificial Intelligence, Real IP Problems: Innovation, Ownership, and Infringement in a Rapidly Evolving Landscape Artificial intelligence is creating more than just new content—it is generating complex legal questions. This session will explore the rapidly evolving intersection of AI and intellectual property law, including ownership of AI-generated works, copyright issues in AI training, infringement and licensing concerns, and the practical implications for electric cooperatives and legal practitioners. - Tyler Butler, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA - Kitty Sargent, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA
RECEPTION 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	
G&T Legal Seminar Day Two – November 6 (Up to 4.5 CLE Credits)	
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8-9:30 a.m. Session 8	Trump’s EPA at the Halfway Mark: Assessing Progress on Co-op Priorities In March 2025, EPA announced with great fanfare that it would pursue 31 separate actions to “roll back trillions in regulatory costs.” Among the actions were key electric cooperative priorities including reconsidering, revising or repealing unlawful and overreaching Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations promulgated by the prior administration. This session will examine EPA’s progress and challenges on key actions at the halfway mark of the Trump administration and the status of related litigation. - Dan Bosch, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA - Vlad Dorjets, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA - Viktoria Seale, Senior Director Regulatory Affairs, Government Relations, NRECA
15-MINUTE BREAK	

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9:45-10:45 a.m. Session 9	Palisades Nuclear Plant: A Case Study on the Regulatory and Contractual Issues for a Recommission and Restart Once operational, Palisades will be the first recommissioning of a retired nuclear power plant in U.S. history. Historic in itself, it is likely to be replicated at other decommissioned facilities around the country. This session will delve into the complex process of a recommissioning and restart that involved state, federal, and private investments in collaboration with two electric cooperatives. • Luke Theriot, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA • <i>Additional speakers to be announced</i>
10:45-11:45 a.m. Session 10	Wireless Spectrum: Electric Utility Use Cases and Regulatory Issues This session will provide attendees with a brief “Spectrum 101,” discuss the most common electric utility use cases for various spectrum bands, and provide insight on the current federal regulatory landscape at the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. • Chad Dose, Director, AMI Solutions, NRTC • Erin Dobozy Fitzgerald, Regulatory Affairs Director – Broadband, Government Relations, NRECA
BREAK / PICKUP BOXED LUNCH 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	
12-1 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. • Kitty Sargent, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, NRECA