# Rejecting Power-Purchase Agreements in Energy Cases: Do Bankruptcy Courts Have Exclusive Jurisdiction?

In a much-awaited and pivotal decision in the PG&E chapter 11 proceeding, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California held that it not only has exclusive jurisdiction over the rejection of wholesale power-purchase agreements, but that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has no such jurisdiction and any determinations by FERC to the contrary would be void, according to **Holland & Hart**.

“While the decision might not be surprising to most bankruptcy practitioners, the proposition that FERC has no jurisdiction over the breach or modification of a power-purchase agreement is not only shocking to energy practitioners, but contrary to well-established authority in the energy arena,” the firm said on its website.

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