2018’s Bad Guys in Energy

Insight

Charles Sartain of Gray Reed & McGraw has posted a list of what he calls “2018’s parade of reprobates, rapscallions and others generally lacking in moral hygiene” in the world of energy law.

Local Taxation of Oil and Gas Activities Fails Again

News

The Texas Supreme Court issued four opinions addressing the taxation of compressors used to deliver natural gas into pipelines, according to a post on Gray Reed & McGraw’s Energy & the Law blog.

Texas High Court Invokes the Discovery Rule

News

The Texas Supreme Court has held that the discovery rule delayed the running of the statute of limitations on behalf of the holder of a recorded right of first refusal to purchase mineral interests, reports the Energy & the Law blog of Gray Reed & McGraw.

What Colorado's and Washington's Pro-Energy Votes Could Mean for the Rest of the Industry

Insight

Just because voters in two states rejected measures that energy companies opposed, but that doesn't mean the fight is over for oil and gas companies, warns Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in a website post.

Federal Judge Blocks Keystone Pipeline XL in Major Blow to Trump Administration

News

The Washington Post characterized the order as a major defeat for President Trump, who attacked the Obama administration for stopping the project in the face of protests and an environmental impact study.

A Legal Guide to Power Generation Mergers and Acquisitions

Insight

POWER magazine has posted the first of a two-part series examining what dealmakers need to know before making any power industry mergers and acquisitions.

Understanding Similarities and Differences in Four Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Acts

Insight

Indemnity provisions in the energy industry are a staple in Master Service Agreements and can be unilateral or mutual, explains a post on the website of Kean Miller LLP.

Class Action Royalty Litigation in the Shale Plays

Insight

A Haynes and Boone post analyzes nationwide trends in the filing and certification of royalty class action cases, which

result in much greater exposure to producers than individual royalty owner cases.

What Will the 2018 Elections in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Alaska Mean for the Energy Industry?

News

Holland & Hart will host a complimentary Energy and Resource lunch and seminar, discussing how governors' races, along with potential shifts in the make-up of state legislatures, might affect energy policy and future development in several states.

Minimum Volume Commitments in the Midstream Industry

Insight

In the midstream industry, these contracts are typically utilized to enable the operator to recoup the costs of constructing infrastructure, such as a processing plant or pipeline lateral, for the benefit of the counterparty, according to Opportune.

Five Legal Issues to Consider When Contracting for Utility-Scale Energy Storage

Insight

Utility-scale battery energy storage system transactions present unique legal issues and require special analysis of traditional contract provisions, according to *Solar Industry*.

EPA Proposes Affordable Clean Energy Rule to Replace Clean Power Plan

Insight

The current Administration does not believe it has authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act to require regulated entities to take actions "outside the fenceline," according to Beveridge & Diamond.

Webinar Looks at Research on Landowner Coalitions in Shale Gas Development

Webinar. Thursday, August 23, 1 p.m. EDT

Marcellus Shale landowner coalitions – their form, function and impact – will be the topic of a one-hour, web-based seminar offered by Penn State Extension at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

Department of Energy Streamlines Small-Scale LNG Export Authorizations

Insight

The Department of Energy has announced a final rule that will expedite the approval process for small-scale exports of natural gas, reports Cadwalader.

Hall Estill Represents OIEC in Historic Rate Reduction

for OG&E Customers

News

Hall Estill represented Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers, an association of large power users in Oklahoma, as an intervenor in Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.’s application for Corporation Commission approval of a rate hike.

Top 10 Mistakes When Drafting Non-Competes in the Oil Patch

Podcast

Bruce “Chip” Morris of Kane Russell Coleman Logan has posted a new podcast in the firm’s Energy Law Today blog about the top 10 mistakes employers can make—in the oilfield, and beyond—when drafting non-compete agreements.

5th Circuit: How to Determine Whether a Contract Is (Or Is Not) Maritime

Insight

The 5th Circuit is sending a signal that it intends to use *Doiron* to “clean house,” hopefully bringing more uniformity to the maritime contract determination, according to Liskow &

Lewis

Former Energy XXI CEO Agrees to Settle SEC Charges

News

The SEC alleged John D. Schiller Jr. maintained an extravagant lifestyle using a leveraged margin account secured by his shares in the oil and gas producer.

Webinar: Start-ups Driving Innovation in Upstream Oil & Gas

Webinar, July 31, 10 a.m. CDT

Frost & Sullivan’s Oil & Gas Innovation Council will present a complimentary webinar titled “Start-ups Driving Innovation in Upstream Oil & Gas” on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 10 a.m. CDT.

Halliburton Accused by Government of Harassing Muslim Workers

News

The lawsuit continues the agency’s crackdown on employer practices or other workplace behaviors that target workers who are Muslim or Sikh, or of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent, according to Bloomberg Law.