

## Energy Industry Group

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## Overview

Today's energy industry players face a unique set of challenges and opportunities. The growing demand for new and renewable energy sources is offset by an urgent need to manage existing sources more efficiently and responsibly. Existing and aging infrastructures must be strengthened even as new technologies are developed. The only constant appears to be turbulent, sometimes unexpected change.

In this environment, energy clients need legal counsel that can draw on a vast reserve of past experience and success to create powerful, forward-thinking solutions. Dykema has provided advice and representation to a variety of energy clients for more than 30 years. Our dynamic team of experienced attorneys and government policy advisors includes industry thought leaders who regularly speak and write about energy-related issues.

We represent all cooperative utilities in Michigan as well as investor-owned utilities and other cooperatives throughout the Midwestern and Southeastern United States. Our lawyers advise a wide range of clients on a full array of regulatory, corporate, and transactional matters at both state and federal levels. Our clients include:

- Electric and gas distribution cooperatives
- Electric generation and transmission cooperatives
- Investor-owned electric utilities
- Independent transmission companies
- Investor-owned petroleum companies
- Municipal utilities
- Energy marketers
- Alternative energy developers
- Wholesale power providers
- Merchant generators
- Regulatory agencies
- Lenders
- Investors
- Financing authorities
- Investment bankers
- Pipelines
- Independent power producers
- Large users of energy
- Underwriters

We offer our clients strategic advice and legal counsel supported by a firmwide wealth of experience in regulation, litigation, appeals, legislative and governmental affairs, corporate law, transactions, securities, the environment, taxes, employment law, real estate, technology licensing,

government grants and incentives, and construction contracts.

Our lobbying and legislative advisors maintain close relationships with state legislatures and public service commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, and local governments to help our clients successfully navigate regulatory issues and reach their legal, policy and business goals.

In the Midwest and nationwide, energy industry clients choose Dykema for full-service counsel and representation in the areas of:

## Alternative and Renewable Energy

Our ability to help clients compete in such developing—and critically important—areas as wind-generated and solar power and other renewable forms of energy is supported by our deep understanding of industry trends. **Read more.**

## Electric Cooperatives

For more than 30 years, we have been a leading provider of legal services to cooperatives of all kinds, including rural electric cooperatives. We are the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation's recommended law firm for cooperative acquisitions of investor-owned utility service territories. **Read more.**

## Electric Transmission

We are strongly positioned to offer our clients ongoing guidance and representation in the increasingly critical field of electric transmission. **Read more.**

## Energy Corporate

Our cross-disciplinary approach allows us to offer results-driven advisement on energy finance-related issues such as mergers and acquisitions, public-private partnership creation and financing, tax structuring, securities and commercial finance, and IPOs. **Read more.**

## Energy Litigation and Appeals

Dykema's seasoned litigators align solutions with our energy clients' business goals to realize significant victories in a range of matters both in and out of the courtroom. **Read more.**

## Energy Lobbying, Legislative and Government Affairs

Our experienced team of registered lobbyists, lawyers and government policy advisors works closely with federal, state and local governments and regulatory agencies to promote and protect our clients' interests by formulating strategies that can help them achieve their legal, policy, and strategic business goals. **Read more.**

## Energy Regulatory

We regularly represent energy clients before state and regulatory agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), state public service commissions, and other state agencies. **Read more.**

## Siting, Zoning, Licensing and Energy Infrastructure

We are well situated to advise clients on complex energy matters related to siting, zoning and land use issues; licensing; and the acquisition and development of infrastructure assets. **Read more.**

## Publications

"Community Solar 101"

March 14, 2019

*Texas Lawyer Magazine*

"The Digital Oil Field"

January 30, 2019

*Intellectual Property Magazine*

"Five Legal Issues To Consider When Contracting For Utility-Scale Energy Storage"

September 4, 2018

*Solar Industry News*, Zackin Publications Inc.

"Fun New Ways for Density and Proration Rules to Bust Your Lease: Retained Acreage Clauses and 'Governmental Authority' Language in the Wake of Three Recent Texas Cases"

Spring 2016

*Section Report of the Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas*

"A Primer on Oil and Gas Regulation in Texas: Spacing, Density, Permits, and Exceptions"

November/December 2013

*Landman Magazine*

James M. "Marty" Truss & Reagan M. Marble, *Texas Oil and Gas Case Law Update*, 2 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 353 (2015).

"How To Defend Against Nuisance Lawsuits"

May 2012

*North American Windpower*

## Speaking Engagements

*Case Law Update*, San Antonio Association of Professional Landmen, Mid-Winter Seminar

January 21, 2021

*Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells*, Current Issues in the Practice of Geoscience, HalfMoon Education Inc.

October 14, 2020

Michigan Electric Utility Law Seminar

June 14, 2017

Recent Legal Issues and Developments in Oil and Gas Restructuring: What Companies Need to Know?

February 9, 2017

*Upstream Energy Forum*

May 24, 2016

*Investment Opportunities in Green Energy*, Video Webcast Co-Sponsored by Cohn Reznick, Dykema and DelMorgan & Co.

January 2015

*Navigating Regulatory Issues in Telecommunications*, Rural Broadband Council Network Deployment Workshop, Phoenix, Arizona

November 19, 2014

*Revolutionizing Broadband: Rural Electric Cooperatives Can Close the Digital Divide*, Rural Smart Grid Summit, Phoenix, Arizona

November 17, 2014

*Energy—Michigan's New Era*, State Bar of Michigan and Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Homeward Bound Series

November 6, 2014

*How Green Is My Rooftop? Issues Relating to Renewable Energy Projects for Retail*, International Council of Shopping Centers, U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference Roundtable, San Diego, California

October 2013

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*The Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act ("UCPA")—Pitfalls and Practical Considerations*, International Right of Way (IRWA), Michigan Chapter, Fall Education Seminar, Inn at Bay Harbor, Michigan  
September 2013

*Bright Lines: The Law of Siting Transmission Lines*, MEnergy, Michigan Energy Law Association, University of Michigan Law School - Moderator and Speaker  
March 12, 2013

*Green Energy Meets Real Estate*, Panelist, USC Marshall School of Business  
April 2012

*Opportunities in Green Energy*, Panelist, Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network  
March 2012

*Understanding Easements, Rights of Way and Utility Easements*, Lansing, Michigan  
July 2010