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## NEW ENERGY

New environmental regulations are requiring that energy companies recreate themselves—and fundamentally transform their business models. Indeed, rapid and significant regulatory changes are expected to continue for some time as the new energy economy evolves.

Faegre & Benson LLP's new energy team addresses the legal needs of businesses operating in this environment. We work with some of the country's leading energy companies to address the challenges posed by resource availability, energy generation and transmission infrastructure, and the regulation of carbon emissions.

We counsel energy clients in a range of sectors: utilities, oil and gas, electric transmission, biofuels, wind, solar and geothermal.

### NEW ENERGY SERVICES

Lawyers in our new energy team address the full range of business needs:

**Environmental and Natural Resources.** Faegre & Benson counsels clients nationally on a wide variety of environmental and natural resource matters, including permitting, rulemaking, enforcement and litigation regarding air emissions, surface and storm water, waste management, site remediation and carbon sequestration issues. We also have experience with state and federal environmental review laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act and its state equivalents, siting proceedings, federal and Indian lands, wetlands, historic preservation and endangered species issues.

**Real Estate and Land Use.** Our attorneys have significant experience developing new energy projects, including solar and wind farms, biofuel processing plants, oil and natural gas facilities, power generation facilities, substations and other utility facilities. We represent clients with respect to property acquisition and disposition, leasing, development, land assembly, land use permits and approvals and other aspects of developing, protecting and disposing of real estate assets.

*Numerous Faegre & Benson  
 new energy attorneys are listed in  
 The Best Lawyers in America.*

**Eminent Domain/Corridor Acquisition.** Acquiring rights of way for electric transmission lines, natural gas and oil pipelines, and other energy infrastructure is a growing need for both traditional and new energy companies. Our eminent domain lawyers have assisted clients in acquiring thousands of miles of new rights of way, as well as land needed for power generation facilities, substations, utility facilities and other major infrastructure projects.

**Corporate/Finance/Commercial Transactions.** Faegre & Benson handles transactions for clients throughout the United States and internationally. We work with energy companies and utilities to develop, acquire and sell facilities, to negotiate supply agreements and other commercial transactions and to raise capital in the public and private markets. We also help clients navigate the complexities of securities and tax laws, public offerings, finance, mergers and acquisitions and other corporate and commercial matters. We have represented owners, lenders, investors and contractors in many biofuels and biomass projects, and have been involved in the development of more than 30 wind projects in nine states.

Faegre & Benson attorneys work with some of the country's leading companies, advising them on ways to navigate in the volatile new energy economy.

**Construction.** Faegre & Benson drafts and negotiates all types of construction contracts and design agreements in the new energy sector, including project finance. We handle local, state and federal government contracts, compliance with construction industry regulations, surety bonds, design professional liability, mechanic's lien foreclosures, public bidding and other construction-related issues.

**Intellectual Property.** We handle intellectual property litigation, patents, trademarks and brand management and technology and licensing transactions.

**Litigation.** Faegre & Benson's litigators help clients resolve a wide variety of disputes in state and federal courts around the country. We try cases involving all of the major federal environmental statutes and a myriad of state environmental laws. We also try a full range of construction-related disputes in new energy projects, and regularly engage in litigation to protect and defend our clients' projects and assets. We provide counsel regarding governmental approvals, permits and land use decisions, citizen suits, federal lands issues and real estate disputes. We represent clients in litigation involving energy supply agreements, royalties, exploration and development rights, natural resource damages and other commercial disputes.



Faegre & Benson LLP offers a full complement of legal services to clients ranging from emerging enterprises to multinational companies. Its 500 lawyers handle complex transactions and litigation matters throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Established in Minneapolis in 1886, the firm is one of the 100 largest law firms in the United States. From its offices in Minnesota, Colorado, Iowa, London and Shanghai, Faegre & Benson has served clients in nearly 100 countries. For more information, please visit [www.faegre.com](http://www.faegre.com).