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## OVERVIEW

Mike O'Neill is an associate in the firm's Boston office and develops practical solutions for clients regarding energy, infrastructure, and natural resources issues. His practice deals primarily with energy and environmental issues, particularly with respect to natural gas and oil, liquefied natural gas (LNG), pipeline safety and compliance, natural gas tariffs, regulatory and commercial aspects of renewable energy and energy storage projects, and commodities regulation. He practices primarily before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA), and provides advice regarding litigation matters in federal and state court, as well as other regulatory proceedings. He also has extensive experience supporting transactions across the global LNG value chain and the North American natural gas and renewable energy sectors. He also advises participants in the growing private nuclear fusion energy sector.

Mike regularly contributes to K&L Gates' thought leadership in the energy and environmental space by authoring analyses of energy legal topics and frequently co-authors posts on the Global Power Law & Policy blog.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Mike worked for two years as an attorney and law clerk at a national energy and environment law firm and five years as an Energy Policy Analyst at an international law firm.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Energy Bar Association
- Member, Maryland State Bar Association
- Member, Young Professionals in Energy

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, 2013
- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2006

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Maryland
- Bar of Massachusetts

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 19 November 2020, Blending Hydrogen Into U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines: Three Issues to Resolve (*BlogPost*)
- 18 November 2020, Very Long Duration Storage (*Podcast*)
- 16 November 2020, Energy Storage Handbook Vol. 6 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 October 2020, The Promise of Fusion Energy May be Closer Than You Think (*Webinar*)
- 30 September 2020, U.S. House of Representatives Demonstrates Support for Fusion Energy (*BlogPost*)
- 21 April 2020, More Federal Interest in Private Fusion: DOE Seeks Input on Possible Cost Share Program to Support Private Fusion Energy Companies (*BlogPost*)
- 10 April 2020, FERC to Convene Technical Conference on Generation Resources Paired with Energy Storage (*BlogPost*)
- 12 March 2020, COVID-19: Federally Regulated Energy Businesses (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 March 2020, Overview of Policy and Technical Progress in Fusion Energy Development Around the World (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 17 February 2020, Certain Uncertainty at FERC: Areas to Watch in 2020 for Natural Gas Pipelines and LNG and Hydropower Facilities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 October 2019, 2019 Offshore Wind Handbook (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 November 2018, 2018 Offshore Wind Handbook (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 12 October 2018, Invigorated Federal Interest in Fusion Energy Presents Opportunities and Questions for Growing Private Fusion Energy Sector (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 September 2018, FirstEnergy: Bankruptcy Court Asserts Primacy Over FERC; Approves Rejection of Power Purchase Agreements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 June 2018, DOE Takes Concrete Steps to Streamline Permitting and Reassure Global LNG Markets (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 February 2018, FERC Rule Seeks to Expand Energy Storage Participation in Wholesale Electricity Markets (*BlogPost*)
- 7 February 2018, EDGE Advisory: Energy Finance Report (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 3 May 2017, President Trump's Latest Executive Order a Potential Boon for Offshore Energy Development (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 17 April 2017, Trade Group Complains that PJM's Frequency Regulation System Unduly Discriminates Against Energy Storage Resources (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 31 March 2017, Executive Order Directs Federal Agencies to Reconsider Federal Initiatives Focused on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 March 2017, Avangrid Wins Latest BOEM Auction for Offshore North Carolina Lease and Moves Towards Full Commercial Lease (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 March 2017, Avangrid Wins Latest BOEM Auction for Offshore North Carolina Lease and Moves Towards Full Commercial Lease (*BlogPost*)
- 16 March 2017, Developers Submit Unsolicited Requests for Wind Leases Offshore Massachusetts and New York (*BlogPost*)
- 4 August 2016, CEQ Issues Final Greenhouse Gas Guidance Directing Federal Agencies to Consider Climate Change in their NEPA Reviews (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 June 2016, Federal Court Upholds FERC's Approach on LNG Environmental Permitting and Shifts Focus to Challenges to DOE's Environmental Review (*Alerts/Updates*)
- Spring 2016, Environmental Policy Quarterly (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 February 2016, The European Commission Approves an Energy Security Package Emphasizing Infrastructure Development and LNG Imports (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 11 September 2015, EPA's Clean Power Plan: A Regional Analysis (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 13 August 2015, EPA's Clean Power Plan: Structure, Implications for the Grid, and Next Steps (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 July 2015, FERC Rejects Requests for Clarification but Provides Additional Details Regarding Pipeline Modernization Surcharge Mechanisms (*Alerts/Updates*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "The European Commission Approves an Energy Security Package Emphasizing Infrastructure Development and LNG Imports," Pratt's Energy Law Report, May 2016
- Contributor, "FERC Manual: A Guide for Local Distribution Companies," American Gas Association, 2013 and 2014 Editions.
- Co-author, "Role of U.S. LNG in the Global Marketplace," 53 *Infrastructure* 4

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 24 June 2020, K&L Gates Advises Unico Solar Investors on Commercial and Industrial Solar Projects Joint-Venture Partnership (*Noteworthy Work*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Power
- Renewables
- U.S. National Security Law and Policy

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen