

## **Speaker biographies –November 18, 2004 - Renewable Energy Credits**

### **Roger Feldman**

Roger D. Feldman is a partner in the international law firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP, resident in its Washington, D.C. and New York offices. Mr. Feldman has practiced for over 30 years in all aspects of developing, financing and regulating energy, environmental and infrastructure projects, companies and transactions. He has chaired Bingham's Structured and Project Finance Group for the past several years. He has served as lead counsel in numerous successfully financed IPP and merchant power project financings, acquisitions and portfolio divestitures in the U.S. and overseas, and advised lender, project developers and rating agencies with respect to many other areas. He has represented electric utility and independent energy trade associations in diverse rule makings and has been involved in the financing of many types of alternative energy including biomass, waste to energy, wind, landfill and distributed generation.

Mr. Feldman currently chairs the American Bar Association's Renewable Energy Resources Committee and is a member of the Board of the American Council on Renewable Energy, Washington columnist for *The Merchant Power Monthly*, and Chairman of the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships. He is Co Chair of the Power Reliability and Security Council. Mr. Feldman served as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, on the White House Staff on EPA's Finance Advisory Committee and in the Offices of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Feldman is a frequent author and lecturer on energy and project finance issues. He is a graduate of Brown University Yale Law School and Harvard Business School (with Distinction).

### **Richard M. Saines**

Mr. Saines heads Baker & McKenzie's U.S. Renewable Energy Practice Group, which works with Baker & McKenzie's Global Clean Energy and Emissions Trading Practice Group to advise private equity funds, lenders, multinational companies and governments on emerging global renewable energy policy. Mr. Saines advises multinational companies, multilateral institutions and governments in the area of International Environmental Law, including opportunities for carbon emissions trading consistent with the principles of the Kyoto Protocol. In the area of Domestic Environmental Law, Mr. Saines specializes in major project due diligence in the oil & gas and power sectors and also advises clients on regulatory matters, compliance counseling and environmental litigation under the Clean Air Act, CERCLA, Clean Water Act and RCRA. Mr. Saines participated in the development of a VOC emissions trading market in Chicago on behalf of a coalition of affected sources.

Mr. Saines is the co-author of the The Model Wind Farm Siting Ordinance for Illinois and has co-authored numerous articles and made numerous presentations on climate change and emerging greenhouse gas emissions trading regimes. Mr. Saines is a member of the American Council on Renewable Energy, the Emissions Marketing Association (on whose behalf he attended COP 6.5 to the UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany) and is the former Chair of the Environmental Committee for the Chicago Bar Association. Mr. Saines is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and IIT-Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## **Thomas M. Kerr**

Thomas M. Kerr is a Branch Chief with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air & Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Climate Protection Partnerships Division. He manages staff working on a variety of voluntary climate change programs with industry, including the Climate Leaders program, a government/industry partnership that encourages major companies to set greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and to track their progress toward these targets using an EPA protocol; the Green Power Partnership, which enters into partnerships with companies or other organizations that pledge to procure a set percentage of their power from renewable energy, and the Combined Heat and Power Partnership, which works with the industrial sector and the emerging distributed generation industry to promote clean, efficient, reliable onsite generation. He has worked with EPA and in the private sector for the past eleven years in matters involving clean energy, climate change, and international investment and trade. He has also negotiated and structured a number of international climate change mitigation projects.

Mr. Kerr has written and lectured on topics relating primarily to climate change policies and industry practices related to climate change and environmental strategic planning. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and is a Vice Chair of the Sustainable Development, Ecosystems and Climate Change Subcommittee. He earned his LL.M. in International Environmental Law from Georgetown University Law Center, his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law, and earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Michigan.

## **David W. South**

David W. South is President of Technology & Market Solutions, LLC, a consulting practice that provides analytic, strategic and regulatory advice on technology, market and environmental issues to clients involved with electricity generation and distribution, industrial boilers and processes, and mobile sources. Mr. South has extensive experience with advanced power generation technologies: clean coal, combined cycle systems, nuclear, on-site generation, hydrogen, fuel cells, solar, and wind. He is also well-versed on the fuel and environmental aspects of industrial boiler/process applications and selected mobile sources (e.g., rail, trucks and buses). For technologies, Mr. South examines the market niches, barriers-to-entry, market mechanisms & incentives, technology deployment strategies, best practices, and the impact of market restructuring and environmental regulations on adoption patterns. This includes such issues as green power trading, renewable portfolio standards (RPS), renewable energy certificates (RECs), and sustainable development requirements.

Mr. South has experience with asset valuations, due diligence, and expert witness/litigation support as it relates to technologies and markets. Integrated into his market studies, Mr. South evaluates the clean air and climate change implications, with emphasis on emissions trading, multi-pollutant control technologies, avoided emissions, and mitigation strategies. Prior to founding Technology & Market Solutions, LLC in 2002, Mr. South spent seven years with Energy Resources International, Inc. and sixteen years at Argonne National Laboratory.

## **Roger M. Freeman**

Roger Freeman is a corporate lawyer with the Boston firm of Ferriter, Scobbo & Rodolphe PC with a national practice representing alternative energy companies and investors. Mr. Freeman has experience in all aspects of energy law including project development, energy finance, strategic transactions and energy regulation at both the Federal and state levels. Mr. Freeman's client list includes a leading national distributed generation company, a wind development company, a coalition of distributed generation companies and large energy users, energy related software companies, real estate developers and municipal utilities. In addition to his focus on alternative energy, Mr. Freeman's general corporate law experience includes: corporate structure and governance, corporate finance, private equity and venture capital transactions, mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiation, strategic partnerships and licensing, executive compensation, and tax-exempt entities. Mr. Freeman recently represented distributed generation companies in a standby rate case in Massachusetts and he served as an industry representative in collaborative negotiations for the development of interconnection standards. Mr. Freeman was one of the primary drafters of the Massachusetts Interconnection Tariff.

Mr. Freeman was previously the Executive Vice President and COO of Citizens Energy Corporation, where he managed business operations and legal affairs and started his career at O'Melveny & Myers. Mr. Freeman received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and his B.A. from Oberlin College. Mr. Freeman is on the Executive Committee of the Northeast Combined Heat and Power Initiative. Mr. Freeman is a vice chair of the ABA's Renewable Energy Committee and a member of the Boston Bar Association. Mr. Freeman is a frequent speaker, moderator and author on alternative energy issues.

## **Roger S. Ballentine**

Roger Ballentine is the President of Green Strategies Inc., where he advises and represents businesses, associations, government agencies and non-profit entities on domestic and international public policy issues and business strategies, focusing on energy and environmental matters. Roger is also a Senior Fellow at the Progressive Policy Institute in Washington D.C. where he works to develop cutting edge, third way approaches to public policy challenges in the areas of energy and the environment. He also served as Senior Advisor to the Kerry-Edwards Campaign on energy and environmental matters. Roger previously was a senior member of the White House staff, serving President Bill Clinton as Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force and Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives. Prior to being named Deputy Assistant to the President, Mr. Ballentine was Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, where he focused on energy and environment issues.

Prior to serving in the White House, Roger was a partner at the Washington law firm of Patton, Boggs L.L.P. and Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center. He has also served as Special Counsel to the Democratic Leadership in the House of Representatives. Mr. Ballentine has published a number of articles and opinion pieces and has been a frequent television and radio commentator on various matters of public interest. Mr. Ballentine is a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Connecticut and the Harvard Law School. He serves on the Boards of the American Council on Renewable Energy, the American Bird Conservancy, and the Solar Electric Light Fund.

## **Mike Sloan**

Mike Sloan is the president of Virtus Energy. Founded in 1993, Virtus Energy provides quality support services to the renewable energy industry and champions new ideas to hasten the global transition to clean energy. An Austin-based consulting firm, Virtus Energy works with legislative and regulatory bodies across the country and internationally to develop programs to encourage greater use of renewable energy. Virtus has worked with some of the foremost companies in the industry including Texas' largest wind and biomass developers, and three of the nation's leading solar developers. The company's consulting experience includes business development, siting and regulatory assistance to entities such as FPL Energy, Reliant Energy, Duke Solar and other companies seeking to flourish in Texas' burgeoning green power market.

Virtus has unique experience and insight in the Texas Renewable Portfolio Standard and Renewable Energy Credits (REC) programs, having helped develop program details at the Texas Legislature, then the Public Utility Commission, and finally, ERCOT. As executive director for the Texas Wind Coalition, Sloan and the Virtus staff are engaged in dialog with Texas' policy makers to cultivate the burgeoning wind industry and nurture a robust policy to take advantage of Texas' vast wind resources.