

«Competition, state aid and new regulatory initiatives: the EU's toolbox for the new energy market design»

Seminar Series on Energy Market Design

Time: Tuesday 21 May 13:30-16:00

Place: Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, "Kjerka"-room, Karl Johansgt. 47, Oslo

The Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, Department of Petroleum and Energy Law, UiO, in cooperation with Energy Norway and Oslo Centre for Research on Environmentally friendly Energy (CREE), invites you to a new event in our seminar series on Energy Market Design. With two distinguished speakers, Prof. Leigh Hancher and Matthew Levitt, both from Baker Botts (Belgium), we will discuss the most recent developments in terms of case law, Commission's practice and new legislative acts with influence on the shaping of energy market design in the EU.

Programme:

13:30-14:00 – Welcome coffee and tea

14:00-14:10 - Welcome and Introduction

Ass. Prof. Catherine Banet, University of Oslo and Birgitte Jourdan-Andersen, Energy Norway.

14:10-14:50 – Review of current competition law issues, by Matthew Levitt, Baker Botts

1. Transparency and information exchange

- price signalling
- algorithmic collusion

2. International merger control

- application to acquisitions, divestments and JVs
- recent merger cases (EDP/Three Gorges, E.ON/Innogy)
- impact of Foreign Direct Investment rules on M&A in UK, Europe and globally, and increasing politicisation and protectionism in support of strategic infrastructure and assets

3. Compliance and JVs

- increasing interest by competition authorities in common ownership links
- governance and coordination

14:50 - 15:30 - State aid and new EU regulatory initiatives, by Prof. Leigh Hancher, Baker Botts

1. State aid - a major instrument in the EC toolbox recent rulings on the concept of aid:

- Capacity Remuneration Mechanisms – the impact of the recent Tempus case
- The interaction of the 'recast' Electricity Regulation 2019 and the state aid rules

2. Selected key features of the Clean Energy Package:

- The future of unbundling for TSOs/DSOs
- Tariff design issues
- New market players – local energy communities and aggregators

15:30 – 16:00 – Discussion

Moderator: Astrid Skjønberg Brunt, general counsel European and international affairs, Statnett

16:00 – End of seminar

About the speakers:

Matthew Levitt's practice has focused on EU and international cartel investigations and multi-jurisdictional merger filings. Matthew has extensive experience in the energy and natural resources sector, having worked on M&A transactions and investigations in the electricity, gas, ports, water, utilities, and infrastructure arena. He has worked on landmark UK and EU competition issues, including the Norwegian gas (GFU) case, the Nord Pool/EPEX power exchange case, the international roll-on roll-off shipping cartel and the EU price signaling case. Matthew is partner at the law firm Baker Botts L.L.P, Belgium.

Leigh Hancher has acted as an advisor on the impact of European regulatory and competition law on the Norwegian energy market over several decades. She has advised on regulatory and competition issues relating to many high profile interconnection projects, renewable energy support schemes, gas tariffs and hydro-concessions as well as unbundling issues. Leigh is Senior Advisor at the law firm Baker Botts L.L.P., Belgium.

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Registration:

The seminar is free of charge, but registration is mandatory.

Registration deadline: 16 May 2019

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