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This full-day program will focus on recent developments with important public impacts on energy development in New Mexico. The program will include discussions with attorneys and professionals on the following broad topics: New Mexico's development of electricity resources for its own residents, equity concerns in power generation, waste disposal from oil and gas operations, and the legal ethics of government lawyering in energy and environmental contexts. For each of these areas, presenters will offer policy and legal updates relevant to the practice of energy and environmental law.

8 a.m.  Registration and Refreshments

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction
Laura Sanchez-Rivet, 2019 NREEL Chair

9 a.m.  New Mexico's Electricity Supply – Panel discussion addressing electric market price forecasts, generation capacity, federal regulatory impacts, legal, land use and financial factors affecting transmission, and emerging changes to state regulation.
Moderator: Laura Sanchez-Rivet; Megan O'Reilly, Regulatory Assistance Project; Jason Marks, Jason Marks Law; Douglas Howe, Western Energy Imbalance; Industry representative

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45  Achieving an Equitable Energy Transition - The Energy Transition Act and recent amendments to the state's energy efficiency mandate will result in more funding for economic development, job transition, and energy efficiency investments for low-income New Mexicans. Other policies could help ensure that low-income New Mexicans equitably benefit from—and are not disproportionately burdened by—the clean energy transition: community solar, energy efficiency mandates for low-income residents, and additional energy assistance for low-income residents.
Moderator: Gabe Pacyniak, NREEL Board Member; Oriana Sandoval, Center for Civic Policy; Ron Darnell, Senior Vice President for Public Policy, PNM; Bill McCamley, NM Workforce Solutions Dept.

11:45 p.m.  Lunch (provided at the State Bar Center)
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12:45 p.m.  NREEL Lawyer of the Year Award Presentation
Anne Minard, 2020 NREEL Chair
1 p.m. **What to Do with Oil & Gas Waste Water?** EPA recently teamed up with New Mexico state agencies to analyze New Mexico’s statutory and regulatory framework governing the use of waste water from fracking. The industry is running out of disposal options, re-use is looking attractive to some, and oil plays in other states have reportedly cleaned waste water to achieve Class 2 drinking water levels.  
*Moderator: Steven Hernandez, NREEL Board Member; Jennifer Bradfute, Marathon Oil; Adrienne Sandoval, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division; Rep. Micaela Cadena, Dona Ana*

2 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. **The Trouble with Methane** - Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has directed the state’s energy and environment agencies to develop regulation to reduce waste and methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, and this session will provide an update on the agencies’ technical workgroup process to inform development of the regulations. The session will also update attendees on the status of multistate litigation, in which New Mexico’s Attorney General is a party, opposing rollbacks of federal methane regulations.  
*Moderator: Samantha Rucavage-Barz, NREEL Board Member; Bill Grantham, New Mexico Office of the Attorney General; Sandra Ely, New Mexico Environment Department; Louis Rose, Montgomery & Andrews; Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Western Environmental Law Center*

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. **Ethics Panel- Fine Lines for Government Lawyers - 1.5 EP**  
Government lawyers navigate tough ethical lines when representing public entities. This session will explore simultaneous loyalties to the public and their elected governments, the ethics of initiating and defending litigation on behalf of the state and/or the nation, and the tricky business of fluctuating governmental political posture, among other topics unique to the government sector.  
*Moderator: Anne Minard, NREEL Chair-elect; Andrew Smith, U.S. Department of Justice Environment & Natural Resources Division; Cholla Khoury, New Mexico Office of the Attorney General; Chris Shaw, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission*

5 p.m. Adjournment

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