University of Houston Law Center
ENERGY LAW & POLICY SYLLABUS
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Class Schedule and Location: Class is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in room TBD.

Office Hours: I am available to meet with students regularly and my office hours are Mondays from 10:30am – noon. If these times do not work for your schedule, e-mail me to schedule an appointment. You should feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions, concerns, or comments, or to schedule an appointment.

Required Reading Material: Casebook: Lincoln Davies, el al., Energy Law and Policy (West 2014).

Course Description and Goals: I have four goals for this course. First, you will learn about historical and current issues in energy law. We will look at some historical events and trends that have brought Energy Law to where it is today, and we will study current events. Second, by the end of the course, I expect you will have a good understanding of how each type of energy source is regulated in the United States, including what governmental entities are in charge of the regulation and the applicable statutes. Third, I expect you will walk away with a general understanding of the future of energy technology and regulation with an eye toward minimizing energy's negative externalities. Fourth, by the end of the semester you will have a specialized, in-depth knowledge of an energy law topic of your choice.

Course Attendance and Participation: Consistent with university policy, 80 percent attendance in class is required. An attendance list will be circulated at each class session. Those individuals not satisfying the attendance requirement will be reported to UH Law Center administrative officials to be dropped from the course. Students will be expected to have read the assigned readings prior to class (you will sign up for specific panels, which hopefully coincide with your topic interests) and to be prepared to discuss the material in class.

Grades: This is a project course. After a few weeks of class you will be asked to identify an energy-related topic that you would be interested in researching more in depth. Your

final grade will be based primarily on two components: (1) an oral presentation of your chosen topic, which will count for 40% of your overall course grade; and (2) a legal essay of your chosen topic, which will count for 60% of your overall course grade. [Additional details for both components will be provided during the semester.]

Use of Laptops: You may use a laptop for taking notes and other purposes directly related to the class. Use of your laptop for any other purpose is prohibited during class meetings (e.g., you may NOT surf the internet, play games or give/receive answers or other aid via any method). Nonparticipation and nonresponsiveness in the classroom discussion attributable to diversionary uses of your personal computer constitutes an absence from the class. In the event this occurs, you are not eligible to sign the attendance sheet and are subject to appropriate action as the professor may determine in her sole discretion.

Reading Assignments: What follows is an anticipated reading schedule. As the semester progresses, however, we may fall behind or speed ahead of the schedule requiring that the reading assignments be adjusted. **I therefore reserve the right to change and adjust the assignments based on the pace and progress of the class, the topics of particular interest to the class, and otherwise, as I deem necessary.**

Tentative Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Readings	Student Panels & Assignments
01.17	Chapter 1: Introduction to Energy System and Regulation	1-45	N/A
01.19	Chapter 2: Energy Resources	99-164	N/A
01.24	Chapter 1: Themes of Energy Law & Policy	45-91	N/A
01.26	Chapter 2: Energy Market Failures and Tools	165-197	
01.31	Chapter 3: Renewable Energy Sources	248-281	
02.02	Chapter 4: Traditional Electricity Regulation	285-331	
02.07	Chapter 4: Ratemaking Issues	344-383	
02.09	Chapter 5: Electricity Ratemaking in Transition	397-435	
02.14	Chapter 5: Electricity Transmission in Transition	435-479	
02.16	Chapter 5: Electricity Supply in Transition	479-508	
02.21	Chapter 6: Vehicle Transportation and Energy Use	509-546	
02.23	Chapter 6: Oil Consumption and Technology-Forcing Regulations	546-588	
02.28	Chapter 7: Energy	609-651	

	Infrastructure and the Transportation of Energy		
03.02 **Topics due by 5pm today**	Chapter 7: Energy Transport	651-683	
03.07	Chapter 8: Smart Grid and Technology	705-755	
03.09	Chapter 9: Disruptive Technologies	757-798	
03.14 – 03.16	**No Class – Spring Break**		
03.21	Chapter 10: Deepwater Drilling	823-856	
03.23	Chapter 10: Hydraulic Fracturing	856-889	
03.28	Chapter 11: Nuclear Energy and Waste	899-918; 931-951; 961-969	
03.30	Student Presentations		
04.04	Student Presentations		
04.06	Student Presentations		
04.11	Student Presentations		
04.13	Student Presentations		
04.18	Student Presentations		
04.20	Student Presentations		
04.25	Student Presentations		
04.27	Student Presentations		
05.11 by 5:00pm			**Final Essay Due**