

Spiegel & McDiarmid has experience representing municipalities, cooperative utilities, public agencies and other clients in all segments of the natural gas industry, including local distribution, interstate and intrastate gas pipelines, gas storage, and industrial gas usage.

We provide regulatory and transactional counseling related to all aspects of natural gas, including the unique issues presented by liquid natural gas (LNG). Changing regulatory treatment and challenging siting issues are presenting significant legal issues for LNG, an energy source which is expected to play an increasingly important role in the U.S. and World energy markets in the coming decades.

Several of our attorneys have Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)/Federal Power Commission work experience, which provides insight from both internal and external perspectives. Our attorneys deal with issues such as:

- Restructuring; supply contracting; tariff filings; rate cases; price manipulation; and transaction reporting
- Enforcement actions; rulemakings; open access; and cost allocations
- Certificate applications for terminals and pipelines; contracts for gas supply and transportation; and mergers and antitrust

We frequently counsel clients on the regulatory implications of commercial transactions. While our regulatory experience is critical to the successful structuring of gas purchase, sales and service contracts, our strong litigation reputation enhances our clients' bargaining power.



We play a leading role in helping intervenors protect their rights before FERC and in responding to regulatory change. We have substantial experience in proceedings involving bypass and in pipeline and distributor stranded cost cases before regulatory agencies and civil courts.