



Energy Council hosts overview of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and regulatory requirements

The Partnership held its quarterly Energy Council on July 14 in the Partnership board room. Partnership Vice President of Public Policy Taylor Landon welcomed Mark J. Thurber, Partner at Andrews Kurth, as the Council speaker. Thurber is part of the Andrews Kurth project finance group which includes work on liquefied natural gas (LNG) and facilities projects. With the abundance of domestically produced natural gas, exporting of LNG through liquefaction facilities on the Texas Gulf Coast has been a consistent national news item recently.

Thurber provided a broad overview of the process for LNG facilities including structure, financing and regulatory requirements. He reviewed requirements for LNG projects, equity and financing, and the necessary suppliers. Additionally, Thurber discussed the complicated regulatory process including permitting through the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

As the largest industrial petrochemical complex in the world, the Texas Gulf Coast is home to numerous operational and planned LNG facilities.