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Dennis Langen is a partner in the Energy Group where his practice focuses on the regulation of energy development and energy infrastructure. Dennis has significant experience with the regulation of oil and gas facilities, power facilities, oil and gas development, energy export and import, and the economic regulation of pipelines and public utilities. He advises oil and gas, oil sands, midstream, pipeline, power, mining, and gas and electric utility industry clients on all aspects of federal and provincial energy regulation, including environmental, engineering, operational, Indigenous, economic, market and compliance aspects.

Dennis regularly appears before the National Energy Board (NEB) in respect of facility, tolling, tariff, cost of capital and export approval applications; the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) in respect of facility, rate, tariff, rule-making and enforcement applications; the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) in respect of oil and gas development, facility and resource equity applications; and the Alberta Surface Rights Board in respect of surface rights matters relating to energy development and facilities. He is also routinely involved in review applications and appeals relating to decisions of the NEB, the AUC and the AER.

In addition to being a lawyer, Dennis is also a Professional Engineer with experience working in the oil and gas industry, including having worked with a major North American pipeline operator in the areas of engineering design and construction, environment, operations and pipeline integrity. He often applies his technical knowledge in the context of regulatory applications pertaining to energy facilities and resource equity disputes.

Accolades

- *Chambers Canada 2019* as a leading lawyer in Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory) and Energy: Provincial Regulatory & Litigation (Alberta).
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019* as a leading lawyer in Energy (Oil & Gas).
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* in Administrative and Public Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law and Natural Resources Law.
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2017* as "Lawyer of the Year" in Energy Law.
- *2018 Expert Guides: Energy and Natural Resources*.
- *Lexpert Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining 2018*.
- *Lexpert/ROB Special Edition: Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*, September 2018.

Representative Work

- Pipeline and midstream companies, oil and gas producers and marketers, and gas distribution utilities in connection with NEB applications for, and complaints relating to, setting rates and revenue requirement, including cost of capital, for transmission pipelines; and in connection with NEB applications to establish new services and to set tolls and tariffs for transmission pipelines.
- Electricity market participants, including generators, importers and exporters in connection with Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) rule proceedings before the AUC; and in connection with Alberta Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) investigations and related AUC settlement proceedings.
- Pipeline companies in connection with NEB (including Joint Review Panels) applications to construct and operate transmission pipelines and storage terminals (terrestrial and marine).
- Oil, gas and power industry clients in respect of NEB, and other federal and provincial authorities, regulation of energy export and/or import.
- Public utilities in connection with facility and rate applications before the AUC; and owners of public utilities in connection with applications before the AUC for the sale and transfer of ownership of public utilities.
- Oil and gas developers, pipeline operators and midstream operators in connection with well and facility applications before the AER.
- Oil and gas developers, pipeline operators and midstream operators in connection with resource equity disputes and applications (off-target / holding /rateable take/common carrier / common processor) before the AER.
- Coal mine developers in connection with regulatory approvals for coal development and processing facilities before the AER.
- Oil sands developers in connection with applications for mining and in-situ oil sands developments and facilities before the AER.
- Various clients in connection with review applications and appeal proceedings relating to decisions of the NEB, AUC and AER.

Legal Posts

The following posts are available on Stikeman.com:

- [Oil and Gas in Canada: Structure and Prospects of the Industry](#)
- [Legal Issues in Canadian Alternative Energy & Power: An Overview](#)
- [A Steady Judicial Tune Resonates Uncertainty: Federal Court of Appeal Orders Canada to Re-Consult on Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project Approvals](#)
- [Que sera, CERA – The Canadian Energy Regulator Act \(CERA\)](#)

Speaking Engagements

- "Canada Energy Regulator: A rose by any other name - what does it do; how does it work?", Energy Regulatory Forum, May 2018.
- "Federal and Provincial Energy Regulatory Regimes in Alberta", APEGA Luncheon Series, April 2015.
- "Canadian Regulatory Update: Implications of Current and Proposed Regulations and Reform for Pipeline Development", The North American Pipeline Forum, 2011.
- "Recent Developments in Environmental Law in the Oil Sands", The Canadian Institute Conference, 2010.

Professional Activities

Dennis is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association and the Calgary Bar Association. He is also a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA), and has been recognized as a Fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC) and an Honorary Fellow of Geoscientists Canada (FGC (Hon.)).

Background

As a Professional Engineer, Dennis has worked in the upstream and downstream side of the oil and gas industry. He has a thorough understanding of the complexities and issues surrounding the engineering design, construction and operation of energy facilities, including emergency preparedness (terrestrial and marine emergency response) and environmental impacts, mitigation, reclamation and remediation.

Education

University of Alberta (J.D. with distinction, 2002)
University of Alberta (B.Sc. with distinction, 1994)

Bar Admission

Alberta, 2003