

Meet the Panel

Risky Business: Insurance in Renewable Energies

Marsh, Mark Fishbaugh, Senior Vice President, US Renewable Energy Practice Leader:

Mr. Fishbaugh has been a full-time member of the Marsh Power and Utility Practice for plus ten years. He has served as the leader of the Marsh US Renewable Energy Practice for the past three years. Mr. Fishbaugh has twenty years of experience in the energy risk consulting space. Notable renewable energy clients include Energy Corporation and Horizion Wind Energy LLC.

About Marsh: Marsh is a global risk and insurance services firm. Marsh's Renewable Energy Practice—now ten years old—addresses risk areas from pre-agreements—including review of EPC, PPA, and other agreements as well as assisting review of lender agreements—to construction and operational risks.

Firemans Fund (a company of Allianz), Stephen Bushnell, Senior Director, Emerging Industries:

Mr. Bushnell is responsible for the Fireman's Fund green building insurance coverage and underwriting programs dealing with alternative energy risks. He sits on the Allianz Climate Change Center of Competency, a group administered by Allianz Climate Solutions.

About Fireman's Fund: Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is a property and casualty insurer, providing personal and commercial insurance products nationwide. Fireman's Fund was the first insurance company to offer green coverage for commercial policyholders (in 2006), and now offers green solutions for buildings, vehicles, and manufacturing facilities.

UCLA Law, Sean B. Hecht, Executive Director, Environmental Law Center:

Sean B. Hecht is the Executive Director of the UCLA Environmental Law Center at UCLA School of Law. He co-directs the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic and directs the Evan Frankel Environmental Law and Policy Program. His current research projects include evaluating the way courts review environmental impact analysis of governmental decisions under CEQA, analyzing the insurance and finance sectors' roles in addressing climate change, and studying the adaptation of decision-making in the governmental and private sectors to changing climatic conditions. He serves on the advisory board of the State Bar of California's environmental law section and on a state expert advisory board on offshore oil and gas platform decommissioning.

California Department of Insurance, Adam M. Cole, General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner

Mr. Cole is Chief Counsel to Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner. In addition, Mr. Cole oversees the 80-lawyer Department of Insurance Legal Department. Prior to this appointment in November 2007, Mr. Cole was a partner at Heller Ehrman in San Francisco, where he represented policyholders in insurance coverage litigation. Mr. Cole previously was an associate at Covington & Burling in Washington. Mr. Cole has taught insurance law at the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) and the University of California Hastings College of the Law. He has written and spoken extensively on insurance law issues.

About the California Department of Insurance: The Department of Insurance regulates the business of insurance in California.



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Walsh Carter & Associates Insurance Services LLC, Gordon Bowman-Jones, Director of Market Development, Renewable Energy Practice

Gordon Bowman-Jones, CEM, is the technical expertise behind the Walsh Carter & Associates TOTAL SPF solar protection program. He is a Licensed Insurance Broker in addition to 25 years of experience in the energy industry. He is a Certified Energy Manager with the Association of Energy Engineers, a Senior Engineer with the Illuminating Engineering Society, a Licensed Inspector for the City of San Francisco Commercial Energy Compliance Ordinance, and holds several patents for innovative energy management devices.

About Walsh Carter & Associates Insurance Services: Walsh Carter & Associates is a full service insurance brokerage and alternative risk financing firm based in San Francisco, California. The firm's Renewable Energy Practice was founded in 2008 to provide a full spectrum Total SPF (Solar Protection Factor) program to address the non-traditional risk profiles inherent in the renewable energy industry.