Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is bridging a critical gap between the past and the future. Growing customer demand, technological advancements and government policies mean that change happens fast.

To meet today's complex energy demands, you need Canada's law firm: an experienced and responsive team that understands renewable energy initiatives, including the expectations of regulators, shareholders, consumers and communities.

BLG is focused on what's next — and our top-ranked renewable energy lawyers have been involved in some of the largest and most innovative renewable energy projects across Canada and around the world.

Our lawyers offer business-minded advice and a collaborative approach to the delivery of legal services. We are at the forefront of the sector, advising on several major hydroelectric projects across Canada. We also regularly advise Indigenous governments and organizations on renewable energy projects and connect clients with Indigenous partners.

Our team understands the important trends that are shaping the future of renewable energy, from ESG and the green economy to clean technology and distributed energy resources.

Clients rely on our national team of renewable energy lawyers for assistance with:

- Expansions, retrofits and modernization of existing energy facilities
- Energy regulation matters
- Financing and refinancing of renewable energy projects
- Carbon offset and net zero initiatives
- Intellectual property related to clean tech
- Purchase and sale of renewable energy assets
- Accessing government funding and incentives
- Land use planning
- Environmental regulations
- Indigenous power projects and partnerships
- Clean energy project disputes, including appeals
- Joint ventures, buy-outs and spin-off green energy projects

Whatever your project — solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, biofuels, tidal energy, waste-to-energy, smart renewables, distributed energy or district energy — we will provide you with the timely strategic and operational support you need to see it succeed.

Experience

- US Clean Energy, in its acquisition of Eneon ES, a leading North American battery energy storage system solutions provider.
- BC Hydro in respect to: various procurement, contract development and negotiation, real estate and other commercial matters related to the $10B Site C Clean Energy Project. the design, build, partial financing and rehabilitation of the John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project in Campbell River, B.C.
- Government of Alberta, Ministry of Infrastructure, in connection with its first solar power procurement of up to 135,000 MWh per year of solar-generated electricity for the next 20 years.
- EPCOR Utilities Inc. in relation to an onsite solar generating plant and battery storage at one of its water treatment plants in the Edmonton River Valley
- Project counsel to Shell Canada and its North American solar platform Silicon Ranch on a 58-megawatt solar farm adjacent to Shell's Scotford refinery and chemicals park near Edmonton.
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) in connection with the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP I) and Large Renewable Procurement II (LRP II) request for qualifications processes, Industrial Electricity Incentive (IEI) program, Energy From Waste (EFW) program, and the Hydroelectric Contract Initiative (HCI).
- Polaris Infrastructure Inc. in relation to: its US$27 million BVI holdco loan financing of Peru run-of-the-river hydropower projects by a global credit-focused fund managed by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. the restructuring of US$55 Million credit facilities of Generación Andina S.A.C. backed by two hydroelectric projects in Peru.
- Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership, the borrower, on $342 million project financing for a 100 MW wind farm in Ontario, in partnership with two First Nations.
- Qulliq Energy Corporation, the electricity utility serving the Territory of Nunavut, in its Independent Power Producer Program and Commercial and Institutional Power Producer Program.
- The Province of Nova Scotia on the Nova Scotia Tidal Energy Procurement.
- Hydro Ottawa regarding a $290.5M Private Placement Offering of Green Bonds for Chaudière Financial L.P.
- First Nations Power Authority of Saskatchewan (FNPA) in its set-asides program with Saskpower for solar and flare gas projects.
- Spirit Pine Energy Corporation in its reorganization and sale to Enel Green Power Canada Inc., facilitating the co-ownership of a 185 MW wind project with First Nations, Spirit Pine and Enel.
- Northland Power in relation to: the 127.5 MW Jardin d'Eole wind farm project in Québec. The $576 Million project financing of 13 solar projects with combined capacity of 130 MW, located in Ontario. in the establishment of a $465 million bridge credit facility to acquire Empresa de Energia de Boyacá SA E.S.P. (EBSA), a Colombian diversified transmission utility Mont-Louis L.P. (a subsidiary of Northland Power) on the project financing for the construction of a 101 MW wind farm project in Québec.
- McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Limited Partnership, the borrower, on a $135 million project financing for a 60 MW wind farm in Ontario. Developed in partnership with United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) First Nations.
- Capstone Infrastructure on project financing of three windfarms located in Ontario and Québec, including the 25 MW Goulais and 9.5 MW Skyway 8 projects in Ontario and 24 MW Saint-Philémon project in Québec.

- The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on the $7.9 Billion project financing in two phases of the Lower Churchill Falls project (824 MW Muskrat Falls Hydro-Electric Generating Station, Labrador Transmission Assets and Labrador-Island Link).
- The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, the lead lender, on: $70 million term loan project financing by Lameque Wind Power LP for a 45 MW nameplate capacity wind generation project located in New Brunswick. project financing of two 9.3 MW ground mounted solar projects in Ontario.
- Thorold CoGen LP on $521.5 Million senior project financing and subordinated project financing for construction of a 265 MW cogeneration facility.
- Fonds de solidarité FTQ with Fonds régionaux de solidarité FTQ, in its $70 million investment in EBI, a Québec-based waste management and renewable energy production company.
- Cielo Waste solutions Corp. in its intellectual property purchase agreement of certain technology relating to the conversion of waste to fuel from 1888711 Alberta Ltd.
- Project counsel to the international solar developers on all aspects of solar project life cycle including real estate, regulatory approvals, environmental assessments, finance and corporate matters.

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