

2009 Year-End Update

Happy Holidays from Green Light Group!

As companies, investors, governments, courts, foundations, and organizations focused increasingly on climate and energy issues this year, Green Light Group's research, writing, analysis, and strategic guidance helped its clients – and clients of clients - keep track of the issues, plan and execute appropriate strategies, and add their voices to the conversation. Some of the major activities this past year included:

- Providing a range of strategic advice and memos for Ceres, working with David Gardiner & Associates, focused on helping institutional investors in the Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR) and businesses involved in both Business for Innovative Climate & Energy Policy (BICEP) and We Can Lead stay updated on policy developments and manage the risks and opportunities posed by climate change.
- Helping the Climate Law and Policy Project and its allies advance their ideas and efforts, including presenting on novel mechanisms for developing country emission reductions at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference on behalf of CLPP, helping CLPP organize a strategy session for Many Strong Voices participants, and assisting CLPP with the planning and execution of a media event at the National Press Club highlighting the need for stronger emission reduction targets to protect vulnerable communities.
- Advising Hewlett-Packard on climate and energy policy, including helping Environment & Enterprise Strategies prepare HP for its participation in **COP-15** in Copenhagen and helping David Gardiner & Associates draft a memo exploring possible public policy positions for HP.

- Advising and assisting the Aspen Institute on its Roundtable on Climate Stabilization and International Cooperation and its Forum on Global Environmental Governance, including researching and preparing background papers and analyzing and drafting post-meeting observations and findings about the institutions needed for global climate governance and treaty implementation.
- Helping to guide and write the update for NRDC's third report ranking states' vulnerability and solutions for change, working with David Gardiner & Associates.
- Co-authoring a paper for the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE) on the application of environmental compliance and enforcement indicators in order to measure and manage national climate policies.
- Drafting a paper for the Energy Future Coalition and others, working with David Gardiner & Associates, on the need for and benefits of comprehensive climate and energy policy that includes a carbon cap, a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), and an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS).

I was also proud to author a chapter on tort-based climate change litigation in the new book ADJUDICATING CLIMATE CHANGE and honored to have my 2003 article on the subject cited by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in its landmark climate decision Connecticut v. American Electric Power in September.

2010 is likely to be an historic year for action on climate and energy issues, with consideration of comprehensive climate and energy legislation in the Senate and conclusion of an international climate agreement (hopefully) following up on the events in Copenhagen. Green Light Group looks forward to helping its clients participate in these and other efforts in the year ahead.

With best wishes for a very happy holiday season,

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