

We are the only law firm with a department that exclusively offers assistance within the areas of renewable energy and climate law.



RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE LAW

Thommessen leads the field

- Thommessen is a cut above the competition and handles a fantastic amount of work in the electricity sector.

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Renewable Energy

Hydroelectric power, wind power, district heating/waste incineration, bio energy and other renewable energy sources.

Infrastructure/Grid Operations

Establishment of infrastructure/grid, district heating, regulatory matters, issues concerning land owners and public authorities.

Climate Law

Emissions trading and other legal aspects associated with climate change, emission reduction and energy efficiency.

EXPERT COMPETENCE

Thommessen has major advantages when assisting energy companies:

- We have unique knowledge of the energy industry and the regulation of the energy sector.
- We have expertise in all areas of commercial law.
- We have commercial awareness.
- We focus on what is possible, rather than what is impossible.

Thommessen has experience and expertise in all fields of renewable energy and we assist with all energy production activities. We have been involved in all the major reorganisations within the Norwegian renewable energy industry in recent years, and we assist in all matters in energy and climate law.

OUR LAWYERS HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Development projects in the energy sector are often comprehensive and demanding projects for which a number of factors must be safeguarded. Thommessen offers assistance at all levels of the development of a project.

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We Have Intimate Knowledge of the Licensing Rules

Both the production and transfer of electrical energy require licenses and other public permits. We assist Norwegian and foreign energy companies with the preparation and follow-up of different license applications, in connection with administrative appeal processes and in any legal disputes concerning licensing issues.

Landowner Agreements and Expropriation

After many years of working with this industry, we have built up solid knowledge about the industry's challenges and requirements. We represent energy companies in negotiations and disputes with land owners, rights holders and local authorities. Our lawyers assist with advisory services and in negotiations with land owners, with applications for expropriation and with litigation of expropriation appraisal cases before the courts.

Transaction and Reorganisation

Thommessen has been involved in all major reorganisations and restructurings in the Norwegian renewable energy sector in recent years. This experience and the firm's expertise in the areas of energy, taxation and company law provide us with what it takes to be the industry's best advisors within this area.

WE ASSIST IN ALL LEGAL ASPECTS CONCERNING INFRA-STRUCTURE FOR ENERGY AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

For a number of years Thommessen has assisted Norwegian grid companies with legal issues concerning the development and operation of infrastructure for energy and electronic communication. We also assist grid companies and corporations in connection with requirements regarding the manning and organization of the grid activity, neutrality requirements and with legal issues related to competition and procurement.

FINANCING, ELECTRICITY-CERTIFICATES AND GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS

Financial support programs are essential to the Government's efforts to achieve increased production of renewable energy both in Norway and abroad. This has resulted in an abundance of arrangements and schemes that one needs to become familiar with, both at national and European level. We provide advisory services with regard to which support scheme(s) to apply for and assist in the preparation of applications. We assist with drafting applications as well as agreements for buying and selling e-certificates. We have assisted clients in structuring, documenting and negotiating financing within the energy sector (project financing etc), and have experience from the financing of virtually all financing structures for wind power projects in Norway in recent years.

CHALLENGES RELATED TO CLIMATE LAW

Requirements for emission reductions and the implementation of measures to increase energy efficiency create new challenges for businesses in relation to the authorities, customers and other participants in the industry. We offer

legal advice based on our experience within the area of energy law combined with new knowledge of issues concerning climate allowances and various support schemes.

CONTACT WITH THE AUTHORITIES

We have a good connections and dialogue with the authorities within this field and we assist several companies in their contact with the principal authorities and subordinate administrative bodies.

FULL-RANGE SUPPLIER OF LEGAL SERVICES

Thommessen is the largest complete supplier of legal services to Norwegian energy companies. In addition to work on specific cases, we have experience in providing assistance associated with the development of rules and regulations through participation in various committees and other regulatory work. Thommessen is also the permanent legal advisor for Energy Norway – a trade organisation for approximately 260 generators, suppliers, distributors and contractors in Norway.

LITIGATION

Our lawyers have extensive litigation experience from all levels of the Norwegian court system and also take on a number of arbitration assignments. In recent years, Thommessen has been involved in a very high percentage of the Supreme Court cases involving renewable energy law and four of our department's lawyers have been admitted to the Supreme Court.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

The department's lawyers regularly give presentations at the most important industry seminars and courses. In addition, our lawyers also write articles in energy periodicals such as ENERGI and in legal journals such as LOV OG RETT. Eight of the department's lawyers, with Gunnar Martinsen and Jens Naas-Bibow as principal authors, have published a book on the 1990 Energy Act and Jens Naas-Bibow has written the book 'Revenue regulation of energy grid companies'.

INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS AND AWARDS

In 2009, Thommessen was awarded Scandinavian Law Firm of the Year (Chambers & Partners) and in 2011, as well as previous years, in a number of rankings the firm was ranked as number one in Norway within the energy field.



– Its [the energy department's] lawyers provide energy companies with full-service assistance on both regulatory and transactional issues and have participated in a number of landmark cases

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