

Speaking Engagements | June 23 - 25, 2026

Infocast's Transmission & Interconnection Summit 2026

Hamilton Hotel - Washington, D.C.
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Troutman Pepper Locke is a proud Gold Sponsor of Infocast's Transmission & Interconnection Summit 2026, a leading forum bringing together key stakeholders to address the grid impacts of unprecedented load growth and regulatory change. With new data centers alone driving an estimated \$1.1 trillion in transmission investment, the conference will focus on how long-term planning, cost allocation reforms, queue management improvements, permitting strategies, and grid-enhancing technologies can support the energy transition while maintaining reliability and managing customer impacts across regions, including the Western Interconnection.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Transmission & Interconnection Summit convenes a cross-section of industry and policy leaders, including:

- Policymakers and regulators
- Transmission owners and operators
- RTO/ISO leaders
- Large-load customers
- Investors and developers

Participants will explore how evolving regulatory frameworks, regional coordination, and technological innovation can modernize the grid and facilitate large-scale transmission buildout.

EASING TRANSMISSION CHALLENGES IN THE WEST

Troutman Pepper Locke Partner [Chris Jones](#) will moderate the panel, "**Easing Transmission Challenges in the West – Impacts of New Reforms and Regional Collaboration,**" on June 24 at 11:00 a.m. ET.

This panel will examine transmission needs in the Western Interconnection, with a focus on:

- The role of CAISO's Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM)
- SPP's Western Energy Imbalance Service Market (WEIS)
- WECC-wide transmission planning efforts
- WestTEC 10- and 20-year transmission studies
- Lessons from the SunZia project for regional collaboration

The discussion will highlight how these initiatives can enhance coordination on planning, permitting, cost allocation, and interconnection across the West.

COST ALLOCATION & NEW TARIFF STRUCTURES

Troutman Pepper Locke Counsel [Anne Dailey](#) will moderate the panel, “**Cost Allocation & New Tariff Structures — Avoiding Rate Increases and Customer Blowback,**” on June 24 at 4:30 p.m. ET.

This session will take a deep dive into:

- Who pays for the forthcoming transmission buildout
- Incentive structures for transmission developers
- How FERC Order No. 1920's cost allocation processes may unlock regional projects
- Strategies to mitigate rate shock and customer backlash

The panel will explore how thoughtful cost allocation and tariff design can balance investment needs with customer protections and regulatory expectations.

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