

## LESSONS FROM GORSLINE SEMINAR

OCTOBER 23, 2018

Explore the growing nature of local zoning challenges specific to the natural gas industry as well as the commonalities among those challenges. Presenters will discuss the recent Supreme Court decision in *Gorsline v. Board of Supervisors* in Fairfield Township, including the issues that were litigated and the implications for natural gas operators. Through an interactive session, presenters will walk through the do's and don'ts of local zoning board hearings, including managing witnesses and the introduction of unsupported material and opinions by local residents and/or outside protestors and counsel. The session will also explore various substantive issues that typically arise at the local level with an emphasis on the mischaracterization by residents and officials alike that well site construction is the land use and constitutes an industrial operation.

### PROGRAM

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Introduction

Hear an overview of the growing nature of local zoning challenges; commonalities in those challenges, including counsel, strategies and opposing witnesses. They will discuss the factual background of *Gorsline*, the issues that were litigated and the implication for other operators.

1:30 pm – 2:10 pm Interactive Session

Presented in a “stop action” format, engage in a discussion on how *Gorsline* was handled at the local level and what could have been done differently.

Part I: “Procedural” Issues: How to manage witnesses, including resident objectors and technical experts and how to manage the introduction into the proceedings of unsupported materials and opinions.

Part II: “Substantive” Issues: How to manage and address specific operational issues outside the scope of the hearing and municipal oversight, such as truck traffic, water use, noise, etc.

2:10 pm – 2:30 pm Discussion: Construction Phase of Well Development

Presenters will pull directly from *Gorsline* and address arguments made in other hearings and legal actions.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Q&A and Conclusion

Discuss key take-aways from *Gorsline*, such as recommendations for managing local zoning issues and conditional use hearings and engage in a Q&A session.

### SPEAKERS

Tom Gillespie, Director of Regulatory, Health, Safety and Environment, Inflection Energy

Shawn Gallagher, Esq., Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

Kevin Gormly, Esq., Member, Steptoe & Johnson

### REGISTER

MSC Member: \$150

MSC Member Group Rate\*: \$100

Non-Member: \$250

Non-Member Group Rate\*: \$200

\* Receive group rate when registering four or more attendees from one company.

Admission fees are non-refundable. Substitutions are accepted.

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