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Three Husch Blackwell Attorneys to Serve on The Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas Advisory Boards

The Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG Coalition) has named three Husch Blackwell attorneys to serve on several of its Advisory Boards. Partner David Gardels has been tapped to serve on the Coalition’s Finance and Development Advisory Board. Senior counsel Andrew Eastman will serve on the Renewable Power, Renewable Fuels, and Renewable Gas Advisory Boards, and senior counsel Fred Jauss will serve on the Coalition’s Pipeline Access Advisory Board.

The RNG Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sustainable advancement of renewable natural gas (RNG) as a clean, green alternative to fossil fuel and as a domestic energy resource—and as a key method of addressing global climate change. It was formed to represent the RNG industry and to advocate for its protection, preservation, and promotion in North America. Leadership members include Chevron, Cummins, Honeywell, Marathon, Shell, Waste Management, and other RNG industry leaders.

The RNG Coalition’s advisory boards aggregate industry experience and expertise to support its Sustainable Methane Abatement and Recycling Timeline (SMART), an initiative designed to capture and control methane emissions from over 43,000 North American organic waste sites by 2050.

Husch Blackwell’s Energy and Natural Resources practice group has long delivered exceptional service to the RNG industry, having closed energy industry transactions exceeding \$21.8 billion since 2010 and represented clients in connection with renewable energy projects in 45 states. Gardels, Jauss, Eastman, and the group’s other members leverage industry-specific insight and extensive experience to provide outstanding representation and client service to RNG developers, investors, and operators in transactional,

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operational, and regulatory matters. Examples of recent work include the acquisition or disposition of over 50 renewable and thermal power generation facilities; the completion of over \$2 billion in debt and equity offerings; and the closing of renewable power generation transactions totaling \$9 billion since 2020, among other transactions.

Based in St. Louis, Eastman joined Husch Blackwell in October, having previously served as general counsel to a national developer of RNG and related projects. He oversaw that company's transactional, commercial, and litigation matters, including its \$347 million acquisition by a special purpose acquisition company with a green energy focus. That acquisition and a concurrent combination of that company with its leading competitor led to the creation of one of the nation's largest publicly traded RNG suppliers.