

**Reed Smith Adds Leading Energy Industry Lawyer
Amy Koch Joins Firm's Corporate & Securities Practice in the D.C. Office**

(July 12, 2010, Washington, D.C.) Amy Koch, a partner in the D.C. office of Patton Boggs, has joined Reed Smith LLP as a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Ms. Koch has served clients in the energy industry for over 25 years and was formerly Patton Boggs' senior partner responsible for strategic initiatives in the energy industry.

"Amy's expertise is a tremendous resource for our domestic and international clients in energy-related industries," said Stewart Dolin, Reed Smith's Corporate & Securities Practice Co-Chair. "Her interests and skills are exceptionally well aligned with the firm's renewable energy practice, as well as our London Energy Trade & Commodities practice. Amy's significant experience advising large independent power producers, lenders and large industrials on energy regulation will provide additional depth to our firmwide energy team."

Ms. Koch has advised international investors, lenders and industrial companies on federal and state energy regulatory and transactional matters involving the successful acquisition, debt restructuring and financing of electric generating assets totaling over \$14 billion since 2003.

Over the course of her career Ms. Koch has advised on the acquisition and utility regulation of solar, wind, geothermal, conventional hydroelectric, pumped storage, hydrokinetic, and natural gas-fired generating facilities .

Ms. Koch also advises renewable resource developers, power marketers, and industrial companies on FERC and NERC compliance requirements, state retail competition opportunities, participation in RTO/ISO markets, electric market design issues, as well as the development of interconnection facilities, wholesale and retail power agreements, transmission agreements,

"Traditionally a significant part of my practice has been advising foreign investors in independent power producers and U.S. industrial companies on utility regulation and helping them find ways to invest and operate while minimizing their exposure to the regulatory environment," said Ms. Koch. "Reed Smith's extraordinary domestic and international platforms will significantly benefit my current clients and provide me with a greatly enhanced opportunity

to assist my clients on a broader range of issues with respect to their US energy investments.”

“Amy will be joining Phil Lookadoo in our DC office, a highly regarded FERC regulatory and energy transactional partner, as well as attorneys across the firm’s international offices handling transactional, regulatory and litigation matters in the energy sector,” said A. Scott Bolden, Reed Smith’s Washington D.C. Office Managing Partner. “We are pleased to have Amy on board and know she will further ensure that clients who require advice navigating complex energy regulatory issues will have access to one of the leading talents in this field at Reed Smith.”

A 1981 graduate of George Washington University Law School, Ms. Koch joined Patton Boggs from Cameron McKenna LLP, where she was also a partner. She is a member of the Energy Bar Association.