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## Progress in Bonn? • Energy Regulator's Almost-Full Slate • Parks' Visibility

By [Chuck McCutcheon](#)

Much of the U.N. climate gathering in Bonn has focused on high-level public gatherings. Behind closed doors, though, negotiators appear to be making headway in at least one area: the international trading of emissions credits.

Talks have begun in earnest on working out rules about how countries can avoid double-counting of emissions credits and ensure transparency, as well as whether the U.N. climate secretariat should oversee the system, [Dean Scott](#) reports.

Negotiators say a clear sign of progress in Bonn was an agreement to have a U.N. technical group start drafting the first text of the market-mechanism rulebook. Some negotiators hope that by spring 2018, more than 190 countries would get to look at the text.

**FERC's monthly meeting** today could be the last one it has without a full slate.

It's currently got three out of its five members. Incoming Republican Chairman Kevin McIntyre and Democratic Commissioner Richard Glick are expected to be sworn in any day now after winning Senate confirmation earlier this month.

The independent energy regulator hasn't had five sitting commissioners since October 2015. But having three commissioners is at least a quorum—something the agency had lacked for much of this year.

Commissioners, including Chairman Neil Chatterjee, are expected to talk during and after the meeting about goals for how the agency will act on the Energy Department's contentious grid resiliency proposal. [Rebecca Kern](#) is covering.

**Federal appeals judges** in Washington, D.C., today will hear arguments in a case involving an Obama-era rule aimed at improving visibility at national parks and wilderness areas.

At issue is a 2012 EPA regulation that allowed states to use emissions trading

under the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule to fulfill Clean Air Act requirements under the regional haze program. That program requires power plants to install pollution controls to improve the visibility at parks and other federally protected areas. [Jennifer Lu](#) is covering.

## Other Stories We're Covering

- [Drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is now, politically, closer than ever](#) to reality. But even after the Senate's energy panel approved a measure that would grant the go-ahead, the bill still faces a test on the Senate floor as part of the Republican tax overhaul.
- The EPA official in charge of environmental enforcement [will discuss](#) the Trump administration's priorities. [Renee Schoof](#) is covering.
- The National Clean Water Law Seminar [wraps up](#) today in Savannah, Ga., looking at the clean water sector's legal and regulatory challenges. Among the topics is the rewriting of a regulation clarifying the Clean Water Act's geographic reach; an agency official said the EPA "will do our best" to meet its end-of-2018 goal to do so. [Amena H. Saiyid](#) is covering
- Bloomberg's Sustainable Business Summit [ends](#) a two-day meeting in London [Ali Qassim](#) is following.
- Senate Republicans have been urging President Trump to send them nominations; the president said he'll nominate two for the Energy Department: a private equity firm senior adviser for the agency's chief financial officer and a Nuclear Energy Institute official to head congressional and intergovernmental affairs.

## Quote of the Day

"Don't be lulled into a false sense of safety that it can't or won't happen here."  
—Chemical Safety Board Chairwoman Vanessa Sutherland, [imploring](#) chemical facilities to reassess their operations plans and worst-case scenario assumptions in the wake of recent Gulf Coast disasters.

An Oregon State University bee researcher collects bees in a hive in 2014.  
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## Around the Web

- One of Trump's nominees for the EPA might be in trouble: [Both of North Carolina's Republican senators say](#) they won't support Michael Dourson to lead the agency's chemicals office.
- New research [shows](#) how fungicides, particularly one often found in bumblebee and honeybee hives, may hurt the bees' health.
- Few national issues [divide as sharply](#) by education as climate change, an analysis of opinion polls shows.
- More than 60 EPA employees [left](#) the agency's Chicago-based Region 5 office between Trump's inauguration and mid-October.

## Today's Events

- **9 a.m. • Clean Water Act** • Association of Clean Water Administrators starts two-day workshop on Clean Water Act variances.
- **10 a.m. • Carbon Emissions** • Virginia's Air Pollution Control Board meets to discuss the Clean Energy Virginia carbon-reduction standard.
- **12 p.m • Efficient Buildings** • Alliance to Save Energy sponsors discussion on grid-interactive efficient buildings.
- **All Day • Law** • Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention starts three-day conference on administrative agencies and regulation.

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