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The intention is that this chapter should contain your personal views on the most important or most interesting developments in the energy sector in your jurisdiction in the last 12 months or so.

The section headings and related suggestions below are therefore offered as guidance or inspiration. While we recommend that you give consideration to these suggestions, please use your judgment as to the most interesting issues to focus on in your jurisdiction.

The balance between the sections is entirely for you to decide – it may be that you wish to concentrate on one or two areas and say little about the other topics, or it may be that you want to give all the topics equal importance. The key issue is that this publication should provide an insight into the trends/developments in, and the overall direction of, the energy market in your jurisdiction – practical issues, policy issues, strategic issues, regulatory issues etc. – which cannot be found in a standard "question and answer" multi-jurisdictional book format.

Please bear in mind that, while the focus of the chapter is on recent developments, it is often useful to provide the reader with some context or background to the relevant developments, so that a reader who is not familiar with the energy regime applicable in the relevant jurisdiction can still make sense of the recent developments.

Overview of the current energy mix, and the place in the market of different energy sources

In this section we are looking for an overview of the current energy situation in your jurisdiction, an analysis of the main energy sources and how they fit with the overall energyscenario.

Changes in the energy situation in the last 12 months which are likely to have an impact on future direction or policy

Here we are looking to identify any significant changes in energy sources or in the market which are likely to be important in future, for example have there been significant new discoveries of conventional or unconventional resources, has the cost/availability of imported resources changed significantly or have there been political events either in your jurisdiction or elsewhere which may affect future direction?

Developments in government policy/strategy/approach

Have there been changes in the last 12 months to the government's approach to the energy sector (officially or unofficially) in terms of seeking to encourage, or promote by regulation, policy or otherwise, particular sources of energy, or to discontinue or limit the use of other sources? We would like to understand what those changes are and how they are likely to affect energy policy/direction going forward. As the low-carbon energy transition is a key topic across the globe, it may be worth mentioning whether and how this is being embraced in your jurisdiction.

Developments in legislation or regulation

Have there been changes in legislation or regulations over the last 12 months which are likely to affect the energy sector, either directly or indirectly? These may be changes which are directly concerned with the energy sector (e.g. the introduction of new taxes, new safety or environmental legislation, discontinuation of subsidies etc.) or they may be more general changes but which nevertheless may have a knock-on effect on the energy sector.

Judicial decisions, court judgments, results of public enquiries

Have there been any major judicial decisions, judgments or enquiry findings in the last 12 months which are relevant to the energy sector (for example judicial review of a government decision, a court judgment on a dispute involving the government and/or energy companies, a prosecution of an energy company, a competition/anti-trust finding etc.).

Major events or developments

Have there been any major events or developments in the last 12 months which are likely to have an impact on energy policy or decisions in the energy sector going forward (for example a major industrial accident which will lead to changes in health and safety laws, a significant environmental event, interruption of supply, grid failure, power cuts etc.).

Proposals for changes in laws or regulations

Finally, are there any proposals for changes in legislation or regulations which are likely to be significant for the energy sector if implemented (here we are trying to look forward to identify proposals which may not yet have been enacted or fully articulated, but which are likely to be important in the future if they take place). If so, what are they, what is the policy aim behind them, what are the significant themes, and what would be their likely impact?