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Dentons was a sponsor of the PJM Market Summit 2015, which was held in Philadelphia on September 15-17, 2015. Dentons planned and moderated panels on the Clean Power Plan, demand response and cold weather reliability. The Clean Power Plan program focused on what actions states and utilities were considering or should consider in planning for compliance with the Clean Power Plan. Jim Rubin of Dentons moderated the discussions with Dallas Winslow, Chair of the Delaware Public Service Commission, Kelly Speakes-Backman of Alliance to Save Energy, Derek Furstenwerth of Calpine Corporation and Muhsin Abdur-Rahman of PJM. The speakers appeared to coalesce around recommendations for states to consider mass-based programs to maximize cost-effective reductions through emissions trading, including by joining existing interstate trading mechanisms, and to exercise more authority independent of EPA. Speakers did recognize that some states could be advantaged by rate-based systems depending on their energy mix, and they discussed the various factors and goals which states and their utilities would need to consider.