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Houlihan Lokey

**Power and Utilities
Market Snapshot**

Quarter Ending March 31, 2024



Introduction

Dear Clients and Friends,

Houlihan Lokey is pleased to present its Power and Utilities Market Snapshot for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

We have included relevant news, recent M&A transaction announcements, and other industry insights to help you stay ahead in this evolving industry. We hope you find this quarterly update to be informative and that it serves as a valuable resource to you in staying abreast of the market. If there is additional content you would find useful for future updates, please don't hesitate to call or email us with your suggestions. We look forward to staying in touch with you.

Regards,

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2023 M&A Advisory Rankings
All Global Transactions

Advisor	Deals
1 Houlihan Lokey	352
2 Rothschild & Co	349
3 Goldman Sachs & Co	300
3 JP Morgan	300
5 Morgan Stanley	253

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).
Excludes accounting firms and brokers.

FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING

2023 Global Distressed Debt & Bankruptcy Restructuring Rankings

Advisor	Deals
1 Houlihan Lokey	73
2 PJT Partners Inc	64
3 Rothschild & Co	51
4 Lazard	37
5 Evercore Partners	27

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).

FINANCIAL AND VALUATION ADVISORY

1999–2023 Global M&A Fairness Advisory Rankings

Advisor	Deals
1 Houlihan Lokey	1,247
2 JP Morgan	1,035
3 Duff & Phelps, A Kroll Business	977
4 UBS	884
5 Morgan Stanley	716

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).

Announced or completed transactions.

No. 1

All Global M&A Advisor

Leading

Capital Markets Advisor

No. 1

Global Restructuring Advisor

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Global M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor Over the Past 25 Years

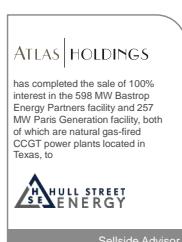
1,700+

Transactions Completed Valued at More Than \$3.5 Trillion Collectively

2,000+

Annual Valuation Engagements

Selected Transactions



Tombstones included herein represent transactions closed from 2017 forward.

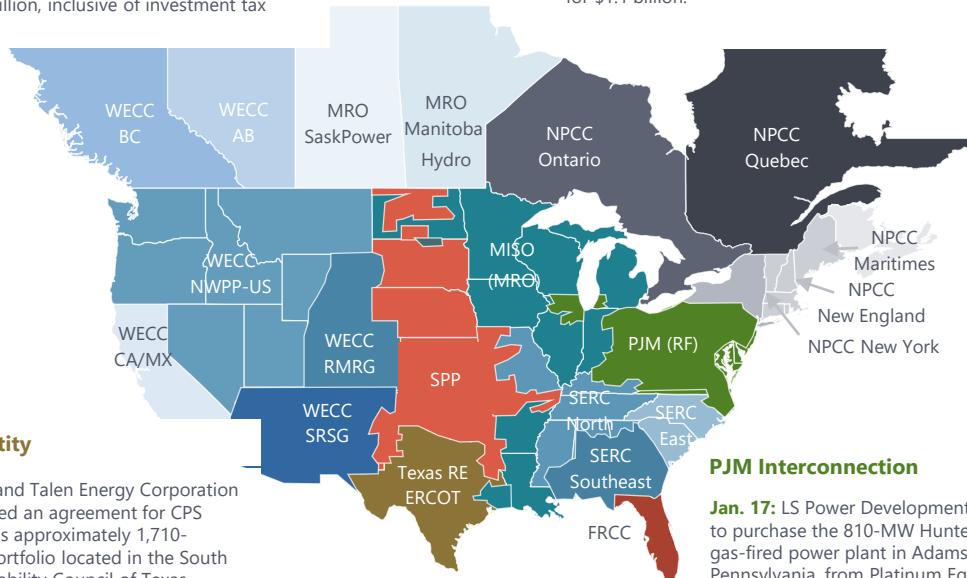
United States and Canada Update

Western Electricity Coordination Council

Feb. 14: Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire a majority stake (80%) in the Sharp Hills wind farm from EDP Renewables Canada Ltd. for \$442 million, inclusive of investment tax credits.

Texas Reliability Entity

March 27: CPS Energy and Talen Energy Corporation (OTCQX:TLNE) announced an agreement for CPS Energy to acquire Talen's approximately 1,710-megawatt generation portfolio located in the South Zone of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas market for \$785 million.



Northeast Power Coordinating Council

Feb. 13: Eversource Energy announced it has executed a definitive agreement to sell its 50% ownership share in South Fork Wind and Revolution Wind to Global Infrastructure Partners for \$1.1 billion.

PJM Interconnection

Jan. 17: LS Power Development LLC struck a deal to purchase the 810-MW Hunterstown natural gas-fired power plant in Adams County, Pennsylvania, from Platinum Equity Advisors LLC under undisclosed terms.

Overall United States and Canada Market

March 25: FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE:FE) completed the previously disclosed sale of an additional 30% ownership interest in its FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC (FET), subsidiary to Brookfield Super-Core Infrastructure Partners (Brookfield) for \$3.5 billion.

March 7: Iberdrola S.A. launched an offer to acquire the remaining 18.4% of its U.S. subsidiary Avangrid for \$34.25 per share, representing an investment of \$2.48 billion for Iberdrola.

Feb. 22: Dominion Energy Inc. agreed to sell a 50% noncontrolling stake in the largest offshore wind farm in the U.S. to alternative investment firm Stonepeak Partners LP. Stonepeak will invest in a newly formed subsidiary of Dominion Energy Virginia in exchange for a noncontrolling equity interest and customary minority interest rights in the 2,587-MW Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project.

Jan. 17: LS Power Development LLC struck a deal to purchase the 810-MW Hunterstown natural gas-fired power plant in Adams County, Pennsylvania, from Platinum Equity Advisors LLC under undisclosed terms.

Jan. 12: BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE:BLK) and Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) jointly announced that they have entered into an agreement for BlackRock to acquire GIP for total consideration of \$3 billion of cash and approximately 12 million shares of BlackRock common stock.

Jan. 10: Plenitude, through its U.S. subsidiary Eni New Energy US Inc., signed an agreement with global energy leader EDP Renováveis, S.A., to purchase an 80% equity stake in a portfolio of operational photovoltaic plants located in the United States for \$400 million. The Cattlemen (Texas), Timber Road (Ohio), and Blue Harvest (Ohio) solar parks have a total installed capacity of 340 MWac (478 MWdc).

Jan. 9: Energy Capital Partners announced that it acquired Triple Oak Power from EnCap Energy Transition Fund I and its co-investors, Yorktown Partners and Mercuria Energy.

Jan. 4: Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure (HASI) announced an investment in a 605-MW portfolio of solar and solar-plus-storage assets, developed, owned, and operated by The AES Corp. The assets span seven power markets and 11 states.

Sources: S&P Capital IQ, company websites, and press releases.

International Update

Europe

March 14: Private equity firm KKR launched a €2.8 billion (\$3.06 billion) takeover offer for German electricity and energy producer Encavis (ECVG.DE).

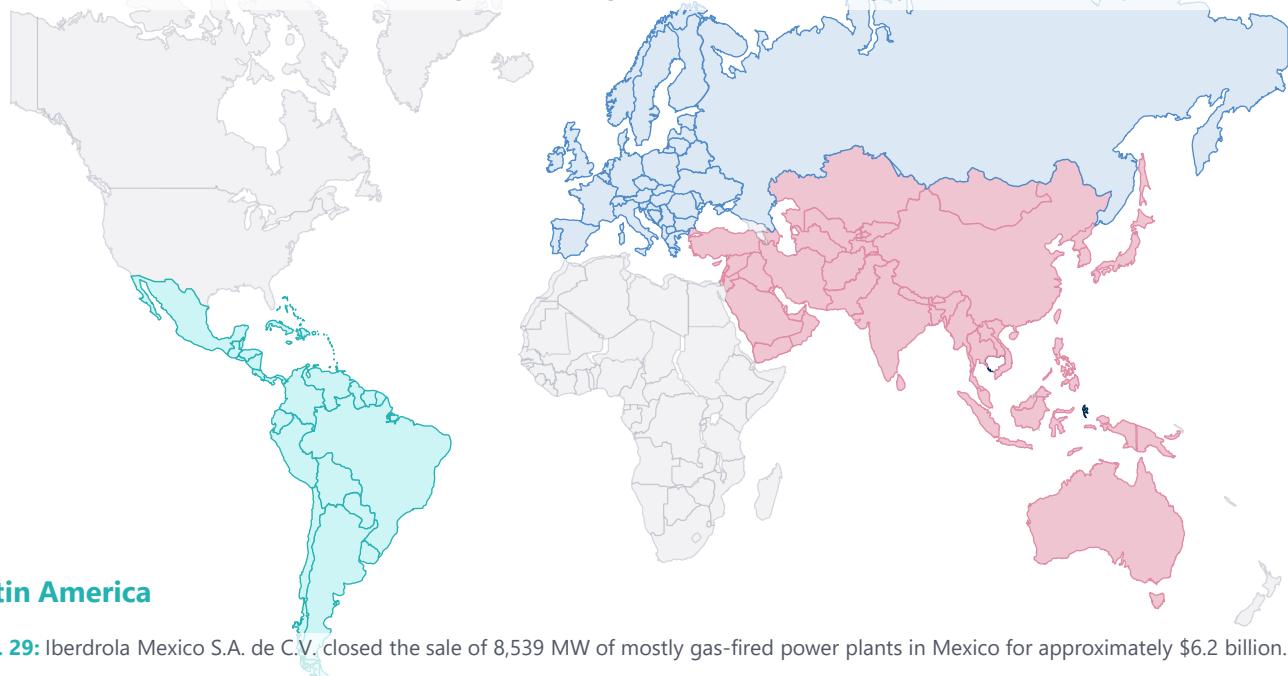
March 11: Enel S.p.A.'s electric distribution subsidiary, E-Distribuzione S.p.A., agreed to sell a 90% stake in a newly incorporated company in Italy to A2A S.p.A. for €1.2 billion.

March 5: Hydro Rein AS, the renewables arm of Norwegian aluminum maker Norsk Hydro ASA, reached an agreement to acquire an 80% stake in a 2.4-GW wind portfolio from Swedish renewable energy developer IOWN Energy. The portfolio consists of 23 projects in the early phase of development in Sweden and two projects in Norway.

March 4: Enel S.p.A. announced it is selling a 49% stake in its Italian battery storage business to investment manager Sosteneo Societa di Gestione del Risparmio S.p.A. for €1.1 billion; Enel Libra Flexsys Srl owns 23 battery energy storage systems totaling 1.7 GW, as well as three renovation projects for open-cycle gas turbine plants totaling 900 MW.

Jan. 23: French oil and gas company TotalEnergies SE is to acquire Germany battery developer Kyon Energy Solutions GmbH and, separately, is to expand its collaboration with Danish wind developer European Energy AS into the offshore wind sector.

Jan. 17: Spanish utility company Iberdrola S.A. sold another 49% stake in a 674-MW solar and wind portfolio in Spain and Portugal to Norges Bank Investment Management, expanding an existing investment deal agreed in 2023. The manager of Norway's sovereign wealth fund will pay €307 million for the interest in the development-stage assets, valuing the whole portfolio at roughly €627 million.



Latin America

Feb. 29: Iberdrola Mexico S.A. de C.V. closed the sale of 8,539 MW of mostly gas-fired power plants in Mexico for approximately \$6.2 billion.

Jan. 31: Cubico Sustainable Investments added over 1.6 GW of capacity to its development portfolio in Mexico following the completion of two transactions.

Asia-Pacific

March 7: Thailand-headquartered conglomerate B.Grimm Power Public Co. Ltd. acquired stakes in two offshore wind farms in South Korea with a combined capacity of 740 MW.

Feb. 15: Canadian pension fund manager Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec acquired an 80% stake in Shizen Energy Inc.'s recently commissioned 31-MW Inuyama solar plant in Japan's Aichi prefecture.

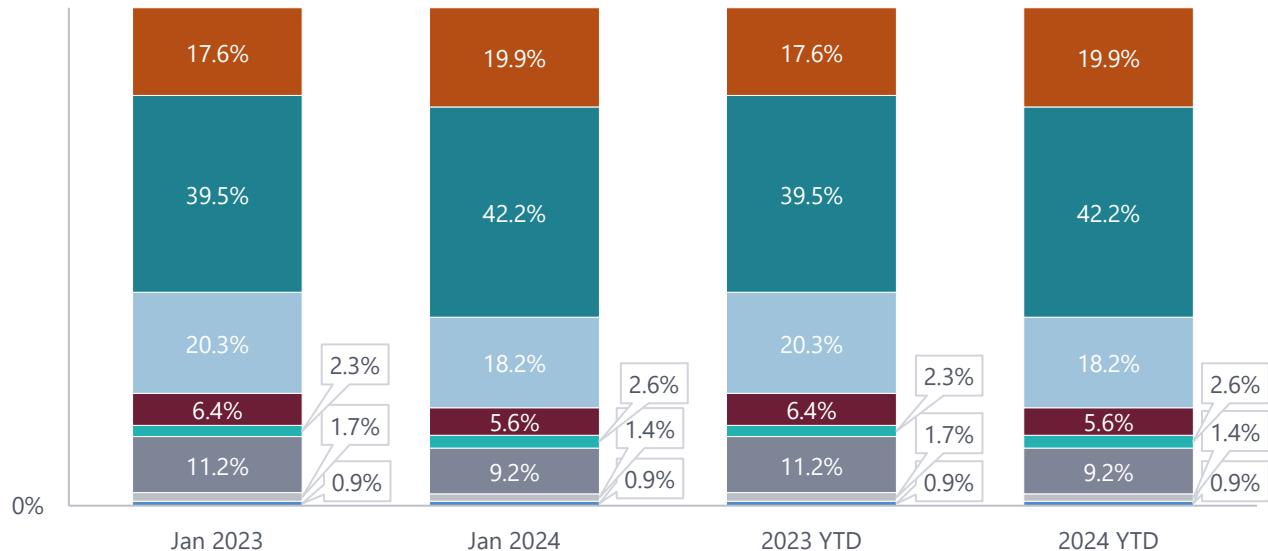
Jan. 29: EDP Renováveis S.A. expanded into Australia with the acquisition of local renewables company ITP Development Pty. Ltd. The financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Sources: S&P Capital IQ, company websites, and press releases.

U.S. Generation

U.S. Generation Fuel Mix (%)

■ Other ■ Other Renewable ■ Wind ■ Solar ■ Conventional Hydroelectric ■ Nuclear ■ Natural Gas ■ Coal



U.S. Generation by Fuel Type (Million MWh)

	January 2024	YoY Change	YoY % Change	2024 YTD	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Coal	75.7	14.4	23.5%	75.7	14.4	23.5%
Natural Gas	160.5	22.7	16.5%	160.5	22.7	16.5%
Nuclear	69.1	(1.8)	(2.5%)	69.1	(1.8)	(2.5%)
Other Non-Renewable	3.6	0.4	11.3%	3.6	0.4	11.3%
Conventional Hydroelectric	21.2	(1.1)	(4.7%)	21.2	(1.1)	(4.7%)
Solar	9.7	1.7	20.9%	9.7	1.7	20.9%
Wind	35.0	(4.2)	(10.8%)	35.0	(4.2)	(10.8%)
Other Renewable	5.5	(0.5)	(8.4%)	5.5	(0.5)	(8.4%)
Hydroelectric Pumped Storage	(0.4)	0.2	32.8%	(0.4)	0.2	32.8%
Total Generation	379.9	31.8	9.1%	379.9	31.8	9.1%
Total Renewable Generation	71.4	(4.1)	(5.5%)	71.4	(4.1)	(5.5%)
Total Nonrenewable Generation	308.5	35.9	14.6%	308.5	35.9	14.6%

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, SNL Energy.

Notes: As of January 31, 2024. "Other renewable" includes wood, black liquor, other wood waste, biogenic municipal solid waste, landfill gas, sludge waste, agriculture byproducts, other biomass, geothermal, and wind. "Other" includes petroleum liquids, petroleum coke, blast furnace gas, manufactured and waste gases derived from fossil fuels, nonbiogenic municipal waste, batteries, hydrogen, purchased steam, sulfur, tire-derived fuel, and other miscellaneous energy sources.

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