

Julie Laussat has submitted her post-doctoral report on the circular economy



The concept of a circular economy from an energy law point of view

Julie Laussat, doctor in public law, submitted her final post-doctoral report at GRDF's headquarters in Paris on January 5, 2017.

She completed a one-year post-doctoral degree on “**The circular economy and natural gas networks: legal aspects**”, under the supervision of Mr Philippe Terneyre, Professor in public law at the University of Pau and the Adour region (UPPA), which was co-funded by the Departmental Council of the Pyrénées-Atlantiques and GRDF.

The final report provides an original examination of the concept of a circular economy from a legal view point. The August 17, 2015 French energy transition act introduced this notion to French law for the first time, and the report aims to study its outlines and implications. Ms Laussat thus analyzed the regulatory framework of the circular economy in the natural gas sector, in particular the production of biogas from waste, a “green gas” that can be injected into the natural gas networks. She also sets out potential legal improvements that could help step up the energy transition in the sector of natural gas networks.

GRDF was very pleased with the collaboration between their departments and the young public law researcher from the UPPA.

Ms Laussat has since been made an associate researcher at the *Pau Droit Public* research center and is part of the “energy law” team.