

Electric Power

The firm assists clients in all aspects of electric power regulation and transactions. Our team includes practitioners with decades of experience, including former state commissioners, commission counsel, and in-house counsel. Our clients include vertically-integrated and restructured electric utilities, power generators, fuel and commodity marketers and suppliers, and other electric market participants, including new entrants responding to opportunities created by changing regulations and emerging technologies.

Regulatory. We have experience in an array of regulated proceedings at the both the state and federal levels, including certification proceedings, cost-of-service ratemaking matters, prudence reviews, mergers and acquisitions, resource planning and procurement, energy efficiency and renewable energy matters, transmission siting and planning, power purchase agreements, fuel-switching proceedings, grid modernization and home energy management programs, and agency investigations and rulemakings. We have advised public utilities and other electric industry participants regarding bulk sales of electric power at cost-based and market-based rates, transmission open access rules and policies, generator interconnections, and affiliate rules.

Many of our energy clients have operations that implicate both state and federal regulatory issues. The firm's appreciation of the interplay between federal and state regulation enables us to assist clients in developing an overall regulatory strategy that addresses each of the applicable regulatory regimes.

Transactions. Our transactional electric power attorneys work closely with our regulatory teams, providing seamless service and unparalleled responsiveness to client needs. Our transactional attorneys assist clients in crafting, negotiating, reviewing and conducting due diligence on a wide array of energy agreements, including power purchase agreements, new development and construction of utility-owned generation and transmission assets, commodity purchase and sale agreements, state and federal tariff provisions and service agreements, power plant operating agreements, solar energy program agreements, deployment of advanced metering infrastructure and related leases, easements and other real property agreements. We also assist our clients in obtaining regulatory approval for such transactions and programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

At the forefront in developing innovative performance-based solutions that create incentives for utilities without burdensome regulations

Expertise includes crafting and negotiating power plant operating agreements, transmission and distribution network agreements, and advanced metering infrastructure deployment agreements

Involved in current issues surrounding power plant retirements and fuel conversions throughout the mountain West, Southwest and Midwest