## **ENERGY REGULATION**

While pushing the energy industry forward, our clients face an energy regulatory landscape that often pushes right back. Husch Blackwell energy regulatory attorneys have a long track record of helping clients overcome regulatory obstacles at both the federal and state level in order to move important projects forward.

Our energy regulation attorneys provide a full range of legal services and guidance to clients subject to government regulation of energy. We handle regulatory, litigation, and business issues affecting the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity; regional power markets; and natural gas, crude oil, petroleum products, and renewable fuels. We also regularly advise clients on rate and cost allocation issues, as well as interconnection procedures in regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs) across the country.

Our energy regulatory law team includes the former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), former FERC and state regulatory commission members, and former legislative professionals responsible for shaping energy policy, as well as two attorneys who formerly worked at the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) handling contested Certificates of Convenience and Need (CCN) and rulemakings. This collective experience and insider's perspective give our clients a valuable competitive edge.



Husch Blackwell has wellrounded teams that complement each other well, with regulatory insights that are embedded directly into the transactional work.

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### **HUSCHBLACKWELL**

### **Representative Experience**

Defended a natural gas marketing company in enforcement proceedings seeking millions of dollars in civil penalties for alleged market manipulation violations. Challenged FERC's statutory authority and raised constitutional due process challenge to FERCs attempt to impose civil penalties based upon retroactive application of a change in commission policy. FERC dropped the market manipulation charges and settled the matter.

Represented firm shipper in challenge to natural gas pipeline rate filings resulting in order of more than \$20 million in refunds for FLU overcharges

Obtained distribution to a client of hundreds of thousands of refund dollars under FERC enforcement proceeding against client's trading partner found to have engaged in market manipulation

Regulatory counsel to midstream natural gas company on 550,000 Dth/day pipeline expansion project in Marcellus shale producing region

Represented natural gas producers in complex natural gas contract disputes involving hundreds of millions of dollars in successfully litigated or settled claims

Chief litigation counsel for major oil company in successful multi-million-dollar oil pipeline transportation and cost recovery arbitration proceeding

Successfully defended natural gas gatherer in complaint

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proceeding before FERC seeking to impose federal regulation under the Natural Gas Act on the gatherer's pipeline facilities

Represented the independent market monitor of an RTO in federal litigation

Represented consortium developing a clean coal plant on a PPA with the Illinois Power Agency and Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Our team filed the first CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline application with the ICC in state history, advised on discussions with the Illinois Finance Authority, analyzed state public utility and energy legislation, and developed liability management legislation.

Represented developer of 440 MW of solar projects. Provided development, real estate, environmental, electric regulatory, and state tax expertise on all matters.

Assisted energy company in receiving approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas for an application to approve changes stemming from a change in control as a result of a transaction.

Filed a petition on behalf of power company successfully challenging wholesale transmission charges to be imposed on distribution-level wholesale storage companies.

Assisted two separate entities with their efforts to exit the Texas retail electric market as they wound down their regulatory obligations with ERCOT and Public Utility Commission of Texas and transferred their customers to other providers.

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Represented power generation company in three Texas Public Utility Commission proceedings involving ERCOT application to obtain authority to enter into a debt securitization financing related to certain costs stemming from Winter Storm Uri.

Successfully assisted in pursuing a change to ERCOT protocols involving changes to the testing of certain behindthe-meter electric generation assets.

Represented energy company as local counsel in a publicprivate partnership where client acquired a license and operating rights to the on campus electric utility system of a university.