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Russell Kooistra is an associate in the Energy practice and resides in the Washington, DC office. His primary practice focuses on federal regulation of the physical and financial electricity and gas markets, including the representation of natural gas pipelines, electric utilities, transmission companies, and hydropower project owners in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). His practice includes matters related to administrative complaints and litigation, rate and certificate proceedings, and compliance with FERC's Anti-Manipulation Rule. Russell also has experience drafting key documents in energy-related transactions.

While attending law school, Russell interned at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

**Representative Matters**

*Regulatory*

- Counseled natural gas pipeline company in filing certificate application with FERC for a new, greenfield pipeline project.
- Counseled natural gas pipeline company in landowner formal complaint proceeding.
- Counseled natural gas midstream company in proceeding involving FERC jurisdiction over the company's processing plant "stub line."
- Counseled electric utilities and transmission companies in routine FERC filings.
- Counseled electric transmission company in administrative litigation involving FERC-jurisdictional rate schedule, resulting in settlement.

*Transactional*

- Counseled international renewable energy company in the acquisition of project companies developing 80 MW and 75 MW solar facilities in the southeast United States.
- Counseled international geothermal generator in connection with amending a complex power purchase agreement.

**Practice**

- Energy

**Education**

- George Washington University (J.D., cum laude, 2015)  
George Washington Scholar
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.S., 2012)

**Work Experience**

- Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP, 2015-present
- Legal Intern, Whistleblower Office, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2014-2015
- Summer Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP, 2014

**Bar and Court Admissions**

- New York
- District of Columbia

- Counseled major investor-owned utility in the acquisition of a portfolio of solar facilities in the southeast United States.