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Amie Colby represents clients in the energy industry before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). Amie has particular experience with vertically-integrated utilities and transmission-related issues, including transmission rate cases, compliance with open access transmission tariff ("OATT") provisions, FERC regulations related to Standards of Conduct ("SOC"), national and regional reliability standards and OASIS posting requirements. In addition, due to increased focus on the development of renewable energy, Amie has examined FERC's transmission and interconnection queuing practices as well as the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") and FERC's QF and EWG regulations.

Representative Matters

- Provided counsel to utilities involved in regional transmission organization ("RTO") and independent system operator negotiations.
- Provided counsel and assistance to several utilities with audits conducted by Electric Reliability Organizations ("EROs") and/or the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), assisted utilities in completing self-reports made to EROs, and in the defense of possible violations of reliability standards by utilities before the EROs and NERC.
- Represented and counseled electric utilities in FERC transmission rate cases involving both stated and formula rates, including litigation.
- Led review of transmission transactions and compliance with OATT and FERC regulations. Counseled utilities regarding interpretation and implementation of the utilities' open access transmission tariffs.
- Provided counsel and assistance to several utilities with audits and investigations by FERC's Office of Enforcement (formerly the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations) regarding compliance with FERC's Standards of Conduct, Code of Conduct, and OASIS regulations and compliance with the utilities' open access transmission tariffs.
- Defended a utility in complaint regarding transmission queuing practices.
- Provided advice to utilities on FERC's incremental pricing policy including filing of a transmission service agreement with incremental pricing.
- Provided advice and counsel on the implementation of FERC's Order No.

Practice

- Energy
- FERC
- Energy Corporate and Transactions
- Renewable Energy

Education

- Georgetown University (J.D., 1999)
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., 1994)

Work Experience

- Partner, Troutman Sanders LLP, 2007-present
- Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP, 1999-2007
- Banking Center Manager, NationsBank N.A. (now Bank of America), 1994-1996

Bar and Court Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

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- Reviewed and negotiated wind energy interconnection agreements for several investor owned utilities.
- Counseled utilities regarding generator, load, and transmission interconnection agreements.
- Counseled utilities regarding the implementation of FERC's Large Generator and Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.
- Regulatory Counsel to utilities before a FERC Administrative Law Judge; including taking depositions, drafting testimony and drafting briefs.
- Represented investor-owned utilities in numerous open access transmission tariff filings with FERC.
- Represented one of the nation's largest banks in the financing of a 55MW utility-scale solar facility (approximately \$250MM in value) in New Mexico. The bank provided the construction financing and will provide the long-term financing.
- Counsel to electric utilities regarding regulatory compliance best practices.

Presentations and Speaking Engagements

- Co-author, [Alternative Energy & Power Guide 2019](#), *Chambers and Partners*, July 2018
- Speaker, PURPA & Current Issues with Qualifying Facilities, Troutman Energy Conference 2017 (Chicago), 6/28/2017
- [Infocast 17th Annual Transmission Summit 2014](#), March 12-14, 2014, Washington, D.C., Moderator, *The Emergence of Microgrids - Implications for Transmission*.
- Cybersecurity for Utilities, October 8-9, 2013, Washington, D.C., *Best Practices for Smart Grid Cybersecurity* (Moderator).
- Solar Power Workshop, February 27-28, 2012, San Diego, CA, Clearing the Interconnection Queue – Perspectives on Queue Reform (Moderator).
- NERC Compliance 2.0: Ensuring Reliability of the Future Bulk Power System, May 11-12, 2011, Washington DC, What Smart Grid Means for Reliability (Moderator).

Professional and Community Involvement

- District of Columbia Bar
- Energy Bar Association