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Chris Jones represents clients in the energy industry before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and federal courts, focusing on vertically-integrated electric utilities and utility holding companies. Chris has particular experience in energy markets and works routinely on competition-related issues such as mergers and acquisitions, market-based rate authority for generators, organized RTO and ISO markets for energy, capacity and ancillary services (including market design issues), and issues related to the nation's bilateral energy markets. In addition, Chris works on transmission related issues such as transmission rate cases, generator interconnections, OATT compliance and Standards of Conduct, as well as FERC compliance and investigation defense matters.

Chris has previously served as the Vice Chair of the ABA Committee on Restructuring of the Electric Industry and the Committee on Gas and Electricity Marketing. He recently moderated an ABA panel discussion on the Supreme Court's decision in *Morgan Stanley v. FERC*.

Prior to joining Troutman Sanders in 2004, Chris spent several years in the government relations and opinion research businesses and on a national political campaign.

Representative Matters

Energy Markets

- Represented Western RTO in drafting and defending new market tariff based on Locational Marginal Prices.
- Represented merchant generating arm of utility holding company in FERC complaint against an Eastern RTO relating to its capacity market and generator interconnection queue.
- Represented vertically-integrated utility in FERC hearing regarding generation market power issues.
- Served as counsel in three different RTO markets on "buyer-side" market power proceedings at FERC.
- Represented several vertically-integrated utilities on defense and maintenance of market-based rate authority.

Practice

- Energy
- FERC

Education

- George Mason University (J.D., 2004)
Civil Rights Law Journal
- College of Wooster (B.A., 1997)

Work Experience

- Director of Business Development, Cassidy & Associates Government Relations, 2002-2004
- Director of Business Development, SWR Worldwide Opinion Research, 2000-2002
- Special Assistant to the Candidate, Elizabeth Dole for President, 1999
- Special Assistant to the President, American Red Cross, 1998

Bar and Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Distinctions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Energy Law (2019).
- Recognized as a Rising Star in Energy & Resources by *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Magazine* (2013-2015).

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- Counseled merchant generator regarding RTO market design issues.
 - Represented Western RTO in multiple tariff amendments regarding market design issues.

Energy M&A

- Served as FERC counsel on multiple large utility mergers and acquisitions.
- Counseled multiple utilities on asset transfers and corporate transactions requiring FERC approval under Sections 203 and 204 of the Federal Power Act.
- Counsel to multiple utilities on acquisitions and dispositions of transmission assets;
- Counsel to multiple utilities on acquisitions and dispositions of generating facilities;
- Counsel to multiple utilities on upstream changes in control;

Transmission and Generation Cost-of-Service / Rate Cases

- Served as lead counsel in four cost-of-service transmission rate cases;
- Represented multiple generators in negotiation of reliability-must-run cost-of-service contracts and related FERC proceedings;
- Counseled multiple transmission owners on formula rate design and associated protocols and compliance;
- Represented transmission owner in application for incentive transmission rates.

Other Transmission/OATT Issues

- Represented Midwest transmission owners in multiple dispute with interconnection customers.
- Represented multiple utilities in reforming their generator interconnection procedures.
- Represented renewable energy developers in FERC compliance efforts.

Presentations and Publications

- Speaker, Competition - What Is the Future of FERC's Review of Competition Through Its Section 203 Authority and Market-Based Rates?, Troutman Energy Conference 2018 (Chicago), 6/28/2018
- Speaker, Transmission Rates: Risks and Trends, Troutman Energy Conference 2017 (Chicago), 6/28/2017
- Speaker, Market Development 2018, Troutman Energy Conference 2018 (Chicago), 6/20/2018
- Co-author, [Alternative Energy & Power Guide 2019](#), *Chambers and Partners*, July 2018

- [“Reconsidering Synergies, Cap-ex Plans Raise the Stakes for Utility Mergers,”](#)
Public Utilities Fortnightly, July 2011.
- *FERC Order No. 890 The Next Generation of OATT Transmission Service*,
Troutman Sanders Conference 2007.
- Moderator, 2008 American Bar Association panel discussion on the Supreme
Court’s decision in *Morgan Stanley v. FERC*.
- Served as Executive Editor of *Troutman Transmission Monthly*.