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A native Texan, his public sector energy experience began in Washington as a Trial Attorney at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Following stints as in house counsel to a major oil company and as Of Counsel to the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, he served as Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. While a Commissioner, he served as Chairman of the Electricity Committee at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He returned to Washington to serve as Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs and for Fossil Energy at the US Department of Energy, chairing the Energy Department's Central Asia/Caspian energy strategy, and overseeing the timely completion of the Department's 1998 Comprehensive National Energy Strategy. He also oversaw the operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the national research program to develop and demonstrate advanced clean coal, natural gas, and petroleum technologies.

He subsequently served as Vice President for Development and Partner Relations for the Electricity Innovation Institute (E2I), an affiliate of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), where he advocated development of the smart grid to digitize the electric utility power delivery system.

Mr. Gee currently serves on the boards of various institutions, including the United States Energy Association (Treasurer), North American Energy Standards Board Advisory Council, Asian Americans in Energy, the Environment, and Commerce (AE2C)(President), Committee of 100 (Chair, Washington, DC Region), and the Northeast-Midwest Institute.

His past affiliations included serving as a Trustee for St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and as a member of the Dallas Regional Panel of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

He is a recipient of various honors and awards, including the distinction of having a hearing room named for him by his colleagues at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree with Honors and a Law Degree from the University of Texas at Austin.