

Gas-Electric Coordination

Bryan Little, Assistant General Counsel, NiSource

Bryan is the Assistant General Counsel—Federal Regulatory for NiSource Inc. and its operating companies located in six states. His primary areas focus include MISO, FERC hydroelectric and Endangered Species Act regulation, FERC Natural Gas and Renewable Natural Gas matters, NERC 693 and Cybersecurity Infrastructure Protection, TSA Cybersecurity compliance, FERC Order 717 compliance, corporate and interlocking directorate matters.

Russell Kooistra, Associate, Troutman Pepper

Russell's primary practice focuses on federal regulation of the physical and financial gas and electricity markets, including the representation of gas pipelines and local distribution companies, electric utilities, transmission companies, and hydropower project owners in proceedings before 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, including energy M&A transactions, gas pipeline precedent agreements, and asset management agreements.

Brian Franklin, Partner, McGuireWoods

Brian utilizes his prior experience in senior business and legal roles over nearly a decade and a half at a major energy company to help electric utilities and natural gas companies navigate complex legal and policy issues before the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSCSC), the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Brian has managed and led administrative litigation and regulatory approvals for myriad matters, including, but not limited to, fuel and fuel-related cost recovery cases, natural gas pipeline precedent agreements, utility acquisitions, electric transmission-line Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs), and demand-side management and energy efficiency proceedings. He is also well-versed in energy policy issues impacting the electric and natural gas utility industries, allowing for Brian to provide his clients with advice related to general business and strategic planning, state clean energy standards, and storm damage cost mitigation, among other areas. Prior to his business and legal roles in the energy industry, Brian was a litigation attorney at two large national law firms.

Brian is active in the community, having formerly served on the Board of Directors of Communities in Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc., a local affiliate of a national high school dropout prevention non-profit organization for at-risk youth, as well as its Board President. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Arts and Science Council, Inc., which supports and promotes arts, science, history, and heritage as the public art agent for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Additionally, he is an alumnus of Leadership North

Carolina (LNC) Class XXVI and has served multiple terms as a member of the LNC Forum planning committee.

Max Reisinger, Senior Counsel, ReliabilityFirst

Max Reisinger is Senior Counsel in the Enforcement Department at ReliabilityFirst. Max joined ReliabilityFirst in 2014 where he primarily resolves violations of NERC Reliability Standards for a variety of Registered Entities. Max is also an Adjunct Professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Max has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from The Ohio State University, received his law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and is licensed to practice law in Ohio.

David Sapper, Director of Regulatory Affairs – Midcontinent, Customized Energy Solutions

David joined Customized Energy Solutions in January 2007. David provides reporting services regarding ongoing developments in the policies and rules of the MISO markets. He also provides economic and regulatory consulting services, including litigation support. In addition, he represents the interests of the MISO LSE Coalition, a group of 18 largely transmission dependent municipal, cooperative and similar electric utilities throughout the MISO region. FERC has favorably relied on his testimony in cost allocation and market power cases.

David earned a BA in Economics from Trinity University (TX) and a PhD in Economics from Vanderbilt University.