

Staying out of FERC Jail

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Jason's practice focuses primarily on energy litigation, regulatory, permitting, and transactional matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Commodities Futures Trading Commission, other federal agencies and the federal courts.

Jason advises clients on obtaining permits and authorizations on electric, oil and gas projects subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from federal agencies and defending those permits in the federal courts. Jason also represents a wide variety of electric utilities, investment banks, power marketers and natural gas companies and pipelines in agency investigations and enforcement matters including alleged market manipulation, market power, and reliability matters, and transactional matters including mergers and acquisitions. In addition, he assists clients with crisis management, strategic planning, internal corporate investigations and Congressional investigations.

Frank Hayden, *VP, Trading Compliance*, Calpine

Frank Hayden is the Vice President of Trading and Compliance at Calpine. Frank is an energy & financial risk professional with over 20 years of experience including 10 years of trading US physical natural gas & price. Risk management includes wholesale energy trading platforms, merchant banking and international banking risk management, wholesale energy trading compliance, and control. He holds an MBA in Finance and International Business from the University of St. Thomas.

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Sean Collins is the Director of the Division of Analytics and Surveillance (DAS) within the Office of Enforcement (OE) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He has been with FERC for 14 years. He has previously held the position of Deputy Director of DAS. Prior to the formation of DAS, Sean lead a team within OE that performed detailed market, portfolio, and statistical analysis related to the identification, investigation, and prosecution of market manipulation and other potential violations of federal energy laws. Prior to joining the Commission, Sean worked for KPMG, LLP, Marsh Risk Consulting and Arthur Andersen advising the management of electric and natural gas utilities in the areas of trading, risk management, mergers and acquisitions, regulation and compliance, and process improvement. Sean holds a BA in Economics from Hampden-Sydney College and an MA in Economics from The Pennsylvania State University.

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Laura's principal areas of practice are federal and state energy and regulatory litigation where she has experience in a wide variety of complex energy litigation. She represents pipelines and electric power companies before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in a broad range of matters involving enforcement/market manipulation, rates, market rules and regulation, cybersecurity, licensing and wholesale power sales. She also advises clients on electric transmission policy and environment regulatory compliance.

Previously, Laura served as senior legal and policy advisor to both a FERC Chairman and Commissioner. In these positions, she advised her principals and directed FERC staff on matters related to enforcement, oil, wholesale electricity markets, nuclear energy, electric grid reliability, cybersecurity, congressional relationships and public engagement. Before serving as a Commission advisor, Laura was a lawyer in the FERC Office of Enforcement, where she ran and supported investigations through all stages, from their genesis through federal court litigation.