

Dan Frank, *Partner*, Eversheds Sutherland

Dan Frank provides strategic advice and hands-on guidance to electric industry clients in complex regulatory and compliance matters and energy transactions.

He guides electric industry clients in compliance and regulatory matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and other governmental agencies. He also advises clients on cybersecurity and data protection matters. His clients include electric cooperatives and other electric utilities, transmission companies, energy trading companies, generators, and end users.

Before FERC, Dan regularly counsels clients on market access requirements, filing and reporting obligations, transmission regulatory matters, and transaction approvals.

In NERC compliance matters, Dan helps clients respond to audits, prepares delegation agreements, and advises on compliance with NERC's cybersecurity (critical infrastructure protection) and other reliability standards.

He counsels transmission owners and other market participants on transmission access, pricing, and cost allocation issues. Dan drafts and negotiates power sales, interconnection and transmission service agreements, and he advises clients in disputes over power transactions and transmission matters. He also assists clients in preparing for and responding to data breaches and other cyber incidents.

Jonathan Schneider, *Partner*, Stinson LLP

Jonathan is widely recognized for his strategic policy advocacy and extensive experience as an administrative litigator and appellate advocate in the energy industry. He brings over 30 years' experience to provide strategic counseling needed to achieve complex energy regulatory objectives, combining mastery of regulatory law and policy with extensive experience as an administrative litigator and appellate advocate. His intimate knowledge of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Department of Energy, the reliability regime administered by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the role played by relevant state authorities provides a wide angle approach to problem solving and conflict management.

Jonathan counsels clients across the spectrum of electric and natural gas regulation. He advises on a wide array of regulatory issues associated with electric and natural gas utility regulation, market oversight, asset purchase and sale and project development.

Elisabeth Latone, *Branch Chief, Office of Administrative Litigation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

For the last 23 years, Ms. Elisabeth Latone has worked on oil, gas, and electric ratemaking cases as part of the Office of Administrative Litigation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Latone attended the University of Pittsburgh where she earned bachelor's degrees in finance and economics. She has also earned a master's degree in finance from The George Washington University. During her time in OAL as both an Energy Industry Analyst and Supervisory Energy Industry Analyst, she has helped facilitate settlements in numerous cases, testified before an Administrative Law Judge in 20 proceedings, and supervised over 180 case teams involving cases set for hearing and settlement judge proceedings. When she is away from the office, Ms. Latone enjoys spending time with her husband and children.

Leigh Anne Faugust, *Managing Attorney of the Reliability Group in the Office of General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

Leigh Anne Faugust is the Managing Attorney of the Reliability Group in the Office of General Counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Prior to joining FERC, Ms. Faugust was Counsel with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for eight years.

Polo Soto, Ph.D., *Manager (Supervisory Energy Industry Analyst), Market-Based Rate Program, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

I lead a group of economists and energy industry analysts in the Market-Based Rates program at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The program addresses market power, market-based rate policy issues, and electric rate issues in all of FERC's jurisdictional markets. As a manager, I review research and reports, and assist with recommendations and orders for the Commission. I also evaluate and conduct analysis of cases filed in front of the Commission and review orders that adjudicate these filings.

My work encompasses regulatory issues related to competitive analysis (market power & mitigation), RTO/ISO markets, industry trends, transmission, generation interconnection, cost-based rate & cost of service issues, and waiver requests, tariff administration.

Throughout my career, I have implemented various aspects of the Federal Power Act, the Energy Policy Act of 2010, regulation and policies from Independent Federal and

Presidential Commissions, Presidential executive orders, and Department of the Navy and Department of Defense regulations.

Christopher (C.J.) Polito, *Partner*, Sidley Austin LLP

Christopher (C.J.) Polito represents clients on a variety of regulatory, enforcement, compliance and transactional matters involving the U.S. wholesale electricity and natural gas markets. C.J. has extensive experience representing clients in regulatory proceedings and investigations before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and state energy regulatory agencies. C.J. regularly advises energy traders and marketers on physical and financial wholesale power transactions, mergers and asset acquisition approvals, regional energy market rules and tariff requirements, power purchase and sale agreements, and issues related to the design and operation of wholesale energy and capacity markets. C.J. also advises energy companies, marketers, financial institutions, private equity funds and institutional investors and advisors on regulatory requirements under the Federal Power Act, the Natural Gas Act, the Public Utility Holding Company Act, and the creation and implementation of robust compliance programs.

C.J. is recognized in the area of Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Nationwide) by *Chambers USA* (2021–2025) and *Chambers Global* (USA) (2022–2025). C.J. has also been named by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for his work in Energy Law (2022) and by *Super Lawyers* magazine as a “Rising Star” for Energy & Natural Resources in Washington, a recognition based on a vote of peers. Prior to joining Sidley, C.J. practiced at an international law firm focusing on regulatory and commercial issues in the area of energy law.