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WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE, PRINCIPALLY INVOLVING THE ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS, AND OIL INDUSTRIES, STEVE HELPS ENERGY COMPANIES IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, APPELLATE LITIGATION, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS, AND COMPLEX TRANSACTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

Steve recently worked with a merchant transmission developer on an HVDC transmission project connecting two Regional Transmission Organizations, helped electric utilities obtain approval to acquire renewable energy generation projects, advised utilities on electric interconnection issues, assisted renewable natural gas companies in the resolution of disputes with pipeline's natural gas quality standards, and represented a producer in an oil pipeline rate case. Steve also represented a local distribution company and natural gas marketer in federal litigation involving the applicability of force majeure provisions in NAESB contracts to gas delivery failures during Winter Storm Uri.

Select Experience

- Helped a developer of high voltage direct current (HVDC) merchant transmission projects obtain landmark FERC authorization to charge negotiated rates and allow anchor customers to presubscribe transmission capacity
- Guided new transmission projects (oil, gas, LNG, and electric) through the development process, e.g., conducted open seasons, negotiated and drafted commercial agreements with anchor customers, prepared tariff filings, and coordinated interconnection
- Advised natural gas and electric companies on regulatory responsibilities, crafted compliance programs, and successfully resolved FERC enforcement investigations
- Helped electric utilities obtain FERC approval to acquire renewable generation projects

Court Admissions

Education

- University of North Dakota (J.D., 1986)
 - Order of the Barristers
- University of North Dakota (M.A., English, 1982)
 - *summa cum laude*
- University of North Dakota (B.A., English and Honors Program, 1979)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

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

Professional Affiliations

Regularly teaches classes on electric regulation and FERC enforcement & compliance, including:

- “Electricity 101,” Geopolitics of Energy, Georgetown University, November, 2020
- “Electricity 202,” AGA 11th Annual Energy Market Regulatory Conference, Bellvue, Washington, September 27, 2018
- “Electricity 201,” AGA 10th Annual Energy Market Regulatory Conference, Washington, DC, October 2017
- “How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going?: A Retrospective Study of Regulatory Oversight for the Development of Natural Gas and Oil Pipelines,” Florida Energy Pipeline Association’s Summer Symposium, July 2017
- “Electricity 101,” AGA 9th Annual Energy Market Regulatory Conference, Washington, DC, December 2016
- “Clean Power Plan,” 57th Annual Institute of Public Utilities Regulatory Studies Program (aka Camp NARUC), East Lansing, Michigan, August 2015
- “Utility Mergers and Acquisitions,” NAEMA-WSPF Fall Conference, Broomfield, CO, September 2014

Accolades

- Repeatedly recognized by *Super-Lawyers*® in the areas of energy and natural resources law, administrative law and utilities law.

Additional Information

“Washington Watch,” a bi-monthly column in *North American Oil and Gas Pipelines*

Steven A. Weiler and Marcia A. Stanford, “New York’s Denial of Water Quality Certification for Three FERC-Authorized Pipelines: Flagrant Fiat or Valid Veto?” 39 *Energy Law Journal* 503 (2018)

“EPA’s Clean Power Plan: Charting a Path Forward,” *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, July 2015

“‘Pomp and Unchanged Circumstance’: FERC Attempts to Eliminate Federal Rights of First Refusal,” 26 *The Electricity Journal* 26, No. 3, 14, 2013

Insights

October 16, 2023

Supreme Court to Reconsider the Chevron Doctrine: Does the Bell Toll for Judicial Deference to Administrative Agencies?

November 4, 2022

FERC Increases Regulatory Oversight of Investors With Officers or Directors on Public Utilities' Boards

June 9, 2021

Dorsey Attorney Steve Weiler Comments on Termination of Keystone XL Pipeline

March 5, 2021

Dorsey Attorney Steve Weiler Comments on Biden's Energy Executive Orders

January 23, 2021

Dorsey Partner Steve Weiler Comments on Biden's Energy Executive Order

July 1, 2020

Dorsey Partner Steve Weiler Comments on FERC Tolling Orders

March 26, 2020

Eighth Circuit Upholds Minnesota Incumbent Utilities' Right of First Refusal to Build and Own Transmission Facilities that Connect to their Existing Facilities

January 10, 2020

FERC Asks a Federal Court to Enforce Civil Penalties against a Marketer and Trader

October 7, 2019

Enbridge Open Season Terminated by Canada Energy Regulator

October 4, 2019

PHMSA Issues Three New Rules to Promote Pipeline Safety

September 23, 2019

FERC Proposes Major Changes to PURPA Regulations

August 12, 2019

EPA Proposes to Update Clean Water Act Section 401 Regulations

July 23, 2019

FERC Issues Order No. 860: Changes Data Collection Requirements for Market Based Rate Sellers

March 27, 2019

Dorsey Partner Steve Weiler Discusses NY Natural Gas Pipeline Approvals

January 17, 2019

WOTUS Operandi: The Clean Water Act's Bifurcated Regulatory Regime and Why it Matters

