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Practice Areas

Air Quality & Climate Change | Energy | Energy Project Development | Infrastructure | Public Utility Regulation

Jed Gibson has nearly 20 years of experience developing California energy regulatory policy and practicing administrative litigation before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Energy Commission (CEC).

Jed supports clients with a broad array of energy-related matters, including utility ratemaking and cost recovery, utility applications and tariff filings, integrated resource planning, wildfire mitigation, public safety power shutoff, distribution and transmission asset safety and compliance, power purchase and sales agreements, interconnection agreements, distributed generation (such as rooftop solar) and net metering issues, and resource adequacy regulation and compliance.

Jed has expertise on renewable issues, particularly in regard to California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) policy, eligibility, procurement, and compliance.

Jed's clients include California's small and multi-jurisdictional electric utilities, retail electric service providers, municipal utilities, developers and owners of conventional and renewable generating facilities, trade associations, and industrial clients.

Experience

Energy Policy Development/Advocacy Before Administrative Agencies

 Represents small and multi-jurisdictional utilities, retail electric service providers, municipal utilities, developers and owners of conventional and renewable generating facilities, trade associations, and industrial clients in proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Energy Commission (CEC).

Power Purchase and Sales Agreements

Negotiates renewable and conventional power purchase and sales agreements for small and multi-

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jurisdictional utilities, retail electric service providers, municipal utilities, and developers and owners of conventional and renewable generating facilities.

CPUC Compliance and Enforcement

- Counsels small and multi-jurisdictional utilities and electric service providers on statutory and regulatory compliance obligations, including renewables portfolio standard (RPS) and resource adequacy (RA) procurement requirements.
- Represents electric service providers in appeals of CPUC RPS and RA citations.

CEC Compliance

 Counsels municipal utilities on statutory and regulatory compliance obligations, including RPS procurement requirements.

RPS Eligibility and Certification

• Counsels renewable generation facilities in obtaining RPS certification from the CEC.

Energy Planning

 Counsels small and multi-jurisdictional utilities and electric service providers with renewable and integrated resource planning.

Utility Safety and Wildfire Mitigation

- Represents small and multi-jurisdictional utilities before the CPUC and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness, develop physical security rules and safety regulations for utility assets and infrastructure, develop fire-threat maps and fire-safety regulations, develop Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) requirements, and develop rules to mitigate wildfires.
- Counsels small and multi-jurisdictional utilities in the development of Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMPs).

Professional & Community Service

- · Power Association of Northern California
- Conference of California Public Utility Counsel
- American Bar Association, 2006-present
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section

Education

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- J.D., University of California at Davis School of Law, 2005
- B.S., Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution, University of California at San Diego, Regents Scholar, 2001

Honors & Rankings

- Individual recognition for Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation California, Chambers USA, 2022-2025
- Super Lawyers, Northern California Rising Star, 2013-2014
- SacTown Magazine (formerly Sacramento Magazine), Top Lawyer, Energy & Natural Resources, 2023-2024
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Judicial Extern to the Honorable Frank C. Damrell, Jr., 2004

Legal Alerts

 CPUC Issues Rulemaking to Address Electric Utility Failures to Connect or Upgrade Service for Electric Consumers, January 31, 2024