



Valerie L. Green

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Overview

With nearly 20 years of experience, Valerie Green is a seasoned Energy attorney who focuses her practice on regulatory matters relating to electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy, and on litigation relating to those matters. She has extensive experience handling a wide range of matters involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and other administrative agencies. Valerie is a strong advocate for her clients and leverages her deep understanding of the regulatory process to help achieve desired outcomes.

Valerie navigates the complexities of Independent System Operator and Regional Transmission Organization (ISO/RTO) tariffs and operating rules, including assisting clients with electric transmission and generator interconnection issues. She advises clients on a wide range of issues involving the Federal Power Act, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, the Natural Gas Act, the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and FERC's implementing regulations. She offers advice on pipeline rate and tariff issues to natural gas pipeline customers, and supports natural gas producers, gathering entities, and intra- and interstate pipelines with issues arising out of the regulatory regimes overseen by FERC and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Valerie is a trusted client adviser on regulatory compliance and enforcement, offering training, compliance audits, and providing counsel on emerging cybersecurity concerns. Valerie has a track record of representing clients in audits and investigations conducted by FERC, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and regional reliability organizations.

In audit or investigation scenarios, Valerie aids in data collection and review, conducts employee interviews, handles depositions, and, when necessary, prepares self-reports and negotiates settlements for alleged violations. Her litigation background spans various industries, including energy, construction, employment, insurance, mortgage lending, and products liability cases, benefiting both defendants and plaintiffs.

Experience

Serves, since 2015, as natural gas regulatory counsel for the Xcel Energy operating companies in interstate natural gas pipeline, storage, and other regulatory proceedings before FERC

Practices & Industries

[Energy Law](#)

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[Renewable Energy](#)

Advises an energy trading subsidiary of large multinational clean energy company regarding compliance with the market rules in the FERC-jurisdictional ISO/RTO markets, ERCOT, and two Canadian markets, including developing detailed compliance manuals for each market

Conducts federal regulatory due diligence for transactions involving the sale and acquisition of wind and solar generation assets, including, where necessary, applying for approval from FERC under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act

Obtains market-based rate authority for clients engaging in the wholesale sale of electric energy and capacity and handles regulatory applications for the owners of generation assets that meet the definitions of Qualifying Facilities and Exempt Wholesale Generators

Counsels natural gas exploration and production companies regarding federal and state regulatory obligations, including new PHMSA rules, associated with the development of new gas gathering lines

Provides regular trainings to clients regarding FERC's Standards of Conduct, natural gas capacity release rules, energy market rules, and compliance with certain mandatory reliability standards promulgated by NERC

Defends clients in investigations by FERC's Office of Enforcement

Assisted a merchant transmission developer with interconnection and membership issues in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. region

Advised a natural gas company regarding compliance with multiple rounds of information disclosures regarding pipeline asset cybersecurity measures required by the 2021 security directive issued by the Transportation Safety Administration

Conducted an in-depth audit of an energy trading company's compliance and risk management program, including multiple employee interviews, resulting in a major overhaul of the company's practices and materials

Represented the U.S. subsidiary of an energy marketer based in Europe with its application for FERC market-based rate authority, provided advice regarding becoming a FERC-jurisdictional entity, and obtained electric energy export authority from the U.S. Department of Energy

Education and Credentials

Education

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, J.D., 2006

University of North Carolina, B.A., 1994

Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

State of California

District of Columbia

Affiliations

Energy Bar Association, Energy and Public Utilities Section

American Bar Association

Women's Energy Network, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Immediate Past President and Chair of Executive Member Program

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in the *Chambers USA Legal Directory* (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation) Nationwide, 2023-2024

Chosen for inclusion in the *Chambers Global* (Chambers & Partners) for Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation), 2023-2024

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Energy Law, 2021-2025

Selected to the list of Washington, D.C. *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Energy and Natural Resources, 2014-2016

Insights

Recent D.C. Circuit Decisions Shed Light on FERC Review of Natural Gas Certificate Applications
August 19, 2024

Supreme Court Overturning Chevron Leaves a Wake of Regulatory Uncertainty for Employment and Energy Agency Actions
July 18, 2024

Decoding a Post-Chevron World: The Future of Federal Agency Authority
February 29, 2024

FERC Actions Signal Concern Over Investors' Utility Stakes
January 18, 2024

FERC Issues Notice of Inquiry on Blanket Authorizations for Investment Companies
December 22, 2023

News

Chambers Recognizes Day Pitney with Elevated Rankings Across Practices and Attorneys
June 6, 2024

Chambers Global 2024 Ranks Day Pitney's Energy Practice Group and Attorneys
February 23, 2024

Day Pitney Boosts Energy Team with Washington, D.C. Partner Valerie Green
October 9, 2023

In The Media

The Daily Docket Industry Moves

Thomson Reuters' The Daily Docket , October 13, 2023

Day Pitney Brings on Energy Atty with Regulatory Focus

Law360, October 11, 2023

Meeting the Need for New Transmission: Are We Keeping Pace?

September 21, 2022

Cybersecurity Issues for Pipeline Asset Owners

January 25, 2022

Power Markets in 2021 and Beyond

October 21, 2021

The AGA Legal Forum | July 2021

July 26, 2021

Investing in Northeast Power and Gas—Which Deals Are Happening and Which Deals Are Not

May 27, 2021

The AGA Legal Forum | July 2018

July 23, 2018