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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Energy & Natural Resources; Litigation



Donald Brookhyser is a member of Buchalter's Energy & Natural Resources Practice Group in the San Francisco office. For the past 25 years, Mr. Brookhyser has focused his practice on complex commercial litigation specializing in utility law. He represents both public and private utilities in matters relating to greenhouse gas issues, development of independent system operators and coordination with generators, standby and transmission rates, and interconnection issues.

Representative Experience

- Participates in the development of mitigation programs for greenhouse gas, in both state and regional forums. This includes issues of allocation of cogeneration emissions, emission performance standards, reporting and cap and trade programs
- Represents industrial customers in Bonneville Power Administration cases involving residential exchange issues and development of a tiered rates methodology
- Represents generators in contesting standby rates in utility general rate cases and transmission tariff cases
- Represents generators in rate cases of gas distribution utilities including issues of operational flow orders and charges for lost and unaccounted for gas
- Participated in the development of regional transmission groups, focusing on efforts to organize GridWest, including both legal issues and challenging behind-the-meter issues
- Served as lead of the legal working group for the first phase development of Desert Star ISO. Represented Nevada Power in the development of the Mountain West ISA
- Represented Nevada Power in the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada restructuring proceedings. This included preparing numerous comments and legal briefs related to various proposed regulations, appearing in workshops and hearings, and assisting management in developing the Company's approach to each rulemaking initiative

Education

Mr. Brookhyser earned his J.D. from Georgetown University and his B.A. from the University of Oregon, Clark Honors College.

Bar Admissions

- California
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Washington (Inactive)

