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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Synapse Energy Economics Inc**, Cambridge, MA. *Associate*, September 2011 – present. Analyze economic and environmental implications of renewable portfolio standards and clean energy policy scenarios. Investigate electricity market price trends and fluctuations. Maintain our end user and alternative resource sector clients' interests at ISO-NE and PJM stakeholder meetings. Assist clients in navigating RTO market rules, especially regarding reliability assessments for coal-fired power plants and participation of energy efficiency and distributed generation in wholesale capacity markets.

**Earthjustice**, Oakland, CA. *Research and Policy Analyst*, 2005 - 2011.

Analyzed federal, state, and local regulations, policies, and environmental planning documents in support of clean air and climate change campaigns. Drafted substantial comment letters on priority issues, often leading to significant policy changes. Advocated at public hearings critiquing proposed policies or regulatory actions. Developed and maintained strong relationships with federal, state, and local agency staff, client groups, community and grassroots groups, technical and scientific experts, and key media contacts. Developed factual basis for and evaluated environmental significance of lawsuits to advance clean air and climate change campaigns

**Central Valley Air Quality Coalition**, Central Valley, CA.

*Chair, Watchdog Committee*, 2007- 2011.

Analyzed and prioritized federal, state, and local regulatory and legislative activities affecting air quality in California's polluted Central Valley. Managed and coordinated with technical consultants on complex regional air pollution clean-up plans. Educated and mobilized committee members and affected communities, empowering them to participate on priority issues. Developed and facilitated technical trainings and educational events for coalition members and citizens.

*Steering Committee Member*, 2005 – 2011.

Managed and set policy priorities for a diverse coalition of more than 75 community, public health, faith, environmental, and environmental justice organizations and individuals working for clean air in California's Central Valley. Helped develop Strategic Plan for advancing policy priorities and making coalition more effective.

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**Kopelman & Paige, P.C.**, Boston, MA. *Land Use Paralegal*, 2003 – 2005

Performed legal research on subjects such as wetlands protection, coastal management, legality of municipal bylaws, and validity of comprehensive permits in support of Land Use department. Reviewed and prepared administrative records, briefs, litigation status reports, and other legal documents.

**Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services**, Concord, NH. *Energy Program Intern*, 2001

Assisted in the research and organizational stages of drafting a State Energy Plan. Participated in the initial implementation of the Energy, Environmental & Economic Integration Project. Special projects relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

**EDUCATION**

Vermont Law School, Master of Environmental Law and Policy, 2003.

Mount Holyoke College, Bachelor of Arts, English/Environmental Studies, 2001.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*The Road to Better System Planning: ISO-New England's Revised Energy Efficiency Forecast*, prepared for Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, by Paul Peterson, Doug Hurley, Sarah Jackson, and Melissa Schultz, April 28, 2012.

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