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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics Inc., Cambridge, MA. *Associate*, September 2022 – Present.

- Conduct discovery and write testimony in rate design proceedings analyzing issues such as the impacts of fixed charges and distributed generation compensation schemes
- Evaluate the adequacy of transmission and distribution interconnection procedures with specific focus on issues like system upgrade cost allocation methods
- Monitor and analyze issues at the NEPOOL Transmission and Planning Advisory Committees to inform clients on relevant regional matters affecting consumer interests
- File comments and advise clients on regional transmission needs and challenges in connection to off-shore wind, regulatory gaps, and planning and cost-allocation reforms

RENEW Northeast, Boston, MA. *Legal Intern*, Jan – April 2022.

- Drafted sections of Transmission Policy Pathway report by summarizing New England states' authority to procure transmission and by analyzing Public Policy Transmission Upgrades in FERC Order No. 1000
- Wrote the standard of review for filings under Sections 205 and 206 of FPA and compiled statements capturing why the MOPR is problematic for the Clean Energy Advocates ISO-NE MOPR Protest filing
- Delivered written and oral testimony to state legislators on bill proposing 100% clean energy by 2030
- Wrote comment letters to legislators and public utility commissioners promoting clean energy policies
- Observed ISO-NE governance and participated in stakeholder discussions on wholesale energy markets rules

Klavens Law Group, P.C., Boston, MA. *Legal Intern*, May – August 2021.

- Assisted with a successful legal challenge against municipality with bylaws adverse to solar projects by researching and populating a data table of Municipal Law Unit decisions and drafting a client memorandum
- Filed multiple petitions for solar project developers with the DPU for exemptions to the Single Parcel Rule
- Intervened in DPU 21-24 proceeding to approve geothermal micro-district pilot programs

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston, MA. *Legal Intern*, Sept – Dec 2020.

- Drafted a memorandum detailing California and New York’s decarbonization proceedings to inform the Commonwealth’s equivalent proceeding, specifically regarding long-term natural gas planning and phase-out
- Researched and wrote a history of inclining block rates into the DPU’s official Rate Case Manual

Vermont Law School Energy Center, South Royalton, VT. *Part-Time Clinician*, June – Aug 2021.

BlueWave Solar, Boston, MA. *CS Team Lead & Operations Analyst*, Jan 2018 – June 2019.

As You Sow, Oakland, CA. *Energy Program Fellow*, Jan – May 2016.

Cleantech Open Northeast, Boston, MA. *Events & Programs Fellow*, June – Aug 2015.

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Boston, MA. *Innovation & Industry Support Fellow*, July – Dec 2014.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston MA.

JD, Concentration in Energy and Environmental Law, Sept 2019 – May 2022.

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT.

Masters of Energy Regulation & Law, Oct 2020 – May 2022.

Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

BA in Environmental Studies, Minor in Sustainable Business and Startups, May 2017.

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