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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., Cambridge, MA. *Senior Principal*, May 2022 – Present *Principal Associate*, 2018 – May 2022, *Senior Associate*, 2016 – 2018, *Associate*, 2013 – 2016, *Research Associate*, 2010 – 2013.

- Performs consulting, conducts research and modeling, and writes reports on issues including: economic technologies and policies, air emissions of electricity generation, consumer advocacy, costs and benefits of energy efficiency programs and measures, and environmental compliance and technology strategy within the energy industry.
- Co-developer of the Avoided Emissions and Generation Tool (AVERT), an open-access tool built for U.S. EPA by Synapse to estimate the hourly emissions and generation benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy policies and programs
- Lead developer of the Coal Asset Valuation Tool (CAVT), a spreadsheet-based database and model that determines the future economic viability of coal units
- Lead developer of the EV-REDI (Electric Vehicle Regional Emissions and Demand Impacts) tool, a spreadsheet tool that models multiple impacts of transportation electrification for individual states
- Lead developer of the Multi-Sector Emissions Model (M-SEM), a spreadsheet-based database that evaluates historical and future energy use and emissions by state, sector, and fuel type
- Lead developer of the Clean Power Plan Planning Tool (CP3T), an Excel-based spreadsheet tool for performing first-pass planning of statewide compliance with EPA's Clean Power Plan

New Ecology, Inc., Boston, MA. *Associate*, 2009.

- Wrote reports for project managers and clients on how to economically make green energy improvements for low-income housing projects.
- Designed content, tested programming, and wrote business presentations for WegoWise, an in-house utility tracking and management software system.
- Prepared documentation for LEED Credits and other green certification programs.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Boston College Energy & Environment Alumni Network Co-Chair, Chestnut Hill, MA. 2017 – 2023.

Assists in drafting semi-annual newsletter, organizes student and alumni events on energy and environmental topics.

Beyond Solar Energy – Exploring Urban Renewable Energy Sources in Boston Field Project, Medford, MA. Spring 2009.

Studied the efficacy and viability of urban wind and biomass generators in conjunction with Boston's Department of Energy. Interviewed wind power stakeholders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and created a final report and presentation.

Solar Decathlon Team – Tufts University / Boston Architectural College, Medford, MA. Fall 2008 – Fall 2009.

Developed a web-based analytic software tool used for finding the cost and payback time for solar panels in any location in the United States based on costs, rebates, and solar input. Aided in the research and planning of a zero-energy house that participated in the National Solar Decathlon competition in Washington, DC. Researched regulations and incentives that would help to make a zero-energy house affordable and would allow it to be sited in Boston. Designed and managed web content for the competition.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tufts University Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Medford, MA. *Web Manager*, 2008 – 2010.

Save the Harbor / Save the Bay, Boston, MA. *Senior Marine Educator*, 2008.

Boston College Geology and Geophysics Department, Chestnut Hill, MA. *Research Assistant*, Fall 2007 – Spring 2008.

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. *Student Tutor*, Spring 2007 – Spring 2008.

EDUCATION

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy, 2010.

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Bachelor of Science in Geophysics, 2008. Minors in mathematics and philosophy. Dean's List all semesters. Best Undergraduate Presentation; BC Geology and Geophysics Dept. Student Colloquium 2006. Member of Golden Key International Honor Society, Slavic Honor Society.

PUBLICATIONS

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Whited, M., P. Knight, S. Kwok, P. Silva. 2024. *Charting the Wind: Quantifying the Ratepayer, Climate, and Public Health Benefits of Offshore Wind in New England*. Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club.

Synapse Energy Economics, Resource Insight, Les Deman Consulting, North Side Energy, and Sustainable Energy Advantage. 2024. *Avoided Energy Supply Components in New England: 2024 Report*. Synapse Energy Economics for AESC 2024 Study Group.

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Litynski, J., E. Carlson, P. Knight, J. Tabernero. 2023. *Gibbstown LNG Export Terminal: Lifecycle GHG Emissions Analysis*. Synapse Energy Economics for Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

Goldberg, D., S. Chavin, J. Tabernero, P. Knight. 2023. *Green Dash Northeast: state-level data on emissions and energy in the Northeast*. Synapse Energy Economics for Barr Foundation.

Knight, P., O. Griot, J. Litynski, E. Carlson, J. Smith, E. Sinclair, S. Kwok) and Climable.org (Stevenson-Zepeda, J., S. Kelly). 2022. *Technical Potential of Solar in Massachusetts Study*. Synapse Energy Economics and Climable.org for Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Knight, P., J. Smith. 2022. *Clearing the Air on Coal CCS*. Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club.

Frost, J., P. Knight, J. Litynski, O. Griot, J. Smith. 2022. *Transforming Transportation in North Carolina*. Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club.

Frost, J., A. Takasugi, B. Havumaki, P. Knight. 2022. *Transforming Transportation in Michigan: A Roadmap to the State's 2050 Climate Target*. Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club.

Camp, E., A. Takasugi, P. Knight. 2021. *Analysis of Wind Curtailment in Southern Power Pool, 2018-2019*. Synapse Energy Economics for Union of Concerned Scientists.

Synapse Energy Economics, Resource Insight, Les Deman Consulting, Northside Energy, Sustainable Energy Advantage. 2021. *Avoided Energy Supply Components in New England: 2021 Report*. Synapse Energy Economics for AESC 2021 Study Group.

Hopkins, A.S., P. Knight, J. Frost. 2021. *Rhode Island Carbon Pricing Study*. Synapse Energy Economics and the Cadmus Group for the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources.

Knight, P., S. Letendre, E. Camp. 2020. *Solar Savings in New England*. Synapse Energy Economics for Renewable Energy Vermont.

Knight, P., C. Odom, E. Camp, D. Bhandari, J. Frost. 2020. *Solar Siting Opportunities for Rhode Island: An analysis of potentials and costs of rooftop, landfill, gravel pit, brownfield, commercial and industrial ground-mounted and carport solar*. Synapse Energy Economics for Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources.

Camp, E., J. Hall, P. Knight, C. Odom. 2020. *Investing in Public Infrastructure in Massachusetts: Impacts of Investment in Clean Energy, Water, and Transportation*. Synapse Energy Economics for Labor Network for Sustainability.

Knight, P. J. Frost, J. Kallay. S. Letendre. J. Hall. 2020. *Assessing the Impacts Climate Change May Have on Maine's Economy, Revenues, and Investment Decisions*. Synapse Energy Economics and Eastern Research Group for the State of Maine's Department of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

Knight, P., E. Camp, D. Bhandari, J. Hall, M. Whited, B. Havumaki, A. Allison, N. Peluso, T. Woolf. 2019. *Making Electric Vehicles Work for Utility Customers: A Policy Handbook for Consumer Advocates*. Synapse Energy Economics for the Energy Foundation.

Knight, P., J. Frost. 2019. *Transforming Transportation in New York: Roadmaps to a Transportation Climate Target for 2035*. Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club.

Knight, P., E. Camp, C. Odom, E. Malone, M. Whited, J. Hall. 2019. *Exploring Equity in Residential Solar: A preliminary examination of who is installing solar in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. Synapse Energy Economics.

Knight, P., N. Peluso, C. Camp, P. Yuen, J. Gifford. 2019. *Expanding Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard: Creating Economic and Environmental Benefits for Maine*. Synapse Energy Economics and Sustainable Energy Advantage for Maine Renewable Energy Association.

Suphachalasai, S., M. Touati, F. Ackerman, P. Knight, D. Glick, A. Horowitz, J.A. Rogers, T. Amegrou. 2018. *Morocco – Energy Policy MRV: Emission Reductions from Energy Subsidies Reform and Renewable Energy Policy*. Prepared for the World Bank Group.

Hopkins, A. S., P. Knight, N. Peluso. 2018. *Massachusetts Comprehensive Energy Plan: Commonwealth and Regional Demand Analysis*. Synapse Energy Economics, Sustainable Energy Advantage, and MA DOER for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Knight, P., D. Goldberg, E. Malone, A. S. Hopkins, D. Hurley. 2018. *Getting SMART: Making sense of the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program*. Prepared for Cape Light Compact.

Knight, P., E. Camp, D. Glick, M. Chang. 2018. *Analysis of the Avoided Costs of Compliance of the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act*. Supplement to 2018 AESC Study. Synapse Energy

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Peterson, P., D. Hurley, P. Knight. 2018. *Understanding ISO New England's Operational Fuel Security Analysis*. Prepared for Conservation Law Foundation, Acadia Center, New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate, PowerOptions, RENEW Northeast, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation.

Hopkins, A. S., A. Horowitz, P. Knight, K. Takahashi, T. Comings, P. Kreycik, N. Veilleux, J. Koo. 2017. *Northeast Regional Assessment of Strategic Electrification*. Synapse Energy Economics and Meister Consulting Group for the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships.

Knight, P., S. Fields, F. Ackerman, T. Comings, A. Allison. 2017. *Empowering Kentucky: A no-regrets plan to create jobs, improve health, lower bills, and invest in a just transition while cutting harmful emission*. Synapse Energy Economics for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

Knight, P., P. Luckow, B. Biewald, A. Horowitz, A. Allison, F. Ackerman. 2017. *New England's Shrinking Need for Natural Gas: An analysis of policy impacts on natural gas use in New England's electric sector*. Synapse Energy Economics for the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Consumers for Sensible Energy, Mass Energy Consumers Alliance, Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast, Sierra Club Connecticut, and Sierra Club Massachusetts.

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Woolf, T., M. Whited, P. Knight, T. Vitolo, K. Takahashi. 2016. *Show Me the Numbers: A Framework for Balanced Distributed Solar Policies*. Synapse Energy Economics for Consumers Union.

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Fagan, R., M. Chang, P. Knight, M. Schultz, T. Comings, E. Hausman, R. Wilson. 2012. *The Potential Rate Effects of Wind Energy and Transmission in the Midwest ISO Region*. Synapse Energy Economics for Energy Future Coalition.

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