

Omar Bustami

Associate



Overview

Prior to joining Jennings Strouss, Mr. Bustami served as an attorney-advisor in the Office of the General Counsel-Energy Markets division for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

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Areas of Focus

- Energy
- Utilities
- Public Power
- Natural Gas
- Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Maryland Carey School of Law (2015)

- Member, Moot Court Executive Board
- Student Member, Energy Bar Association
- Student Member, Maryland Bar Association

B.A., University of California, Irvine, Political Science (2010)

- UCI Student Affairs Journal (2009-2010)
- Co-Founder, award-winning international travel, and discussion group to explore complex issues related to an international conflict

Biography

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Admissions

Admitted to Practice

- Maryland (2016)

Court Admission

- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit (2017)

Representative Experience

- Drafted determinations addressing requests pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to establish cost-based, negotiated, and market-based rates
- Analyzed record evidence and technical materials in litigated rate proceedings and recommend options for addressing proposed changes to the terms and conditions of electricity and natural gas tariffs
- Prepared complex policy memorandum analyzing rapidly-developing issues related to the Commission's jurisdiction over net metering facilities and practices
- Drafted order on petitions for declaratory relief pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 concerning the Commission's jurisdiction over power sales from qualifying facilities (QFs)
- Collaborated on an industry-wide rulemaking to revise the pro forma large generator interconnection agreement
- Led a technical conference to discuss and resolve contested issues in a natural gas pipeline proceeding and achieved agreement between a pipeline and its customers

- Addressed a major complaint alleging an unauthorized abandonment of pipeline facilities in violation of section 7 of the NGA
- Researched allegations that a company had violated section 4A of the NGA, and drafted determinations on key legal issues in an enforcement proceeding
- Researched issues related to jurisdiction over hydropower sales and facilities
- Analyzed issues related to the establishment of rates for newly certificated pipelines
- Assessed requests for approval of shared facilities ownership agreements and whether time value refunds are owed where service commences before the parties' filing is submitted
- Reviewed vast hearing record to determine whether utilities engaged in legitimate business practices during the California electric crisis of the early 2000s; recommended remedies, including refunds and disgorgement

Memberships

Energy Bar Association

Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Public Service Award, FERC (2017)

Foreign Languages

- Arabic