Public Utilities and Renewable Energy

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Providing strategic counsel and comprehensive legal solutions to help clients navigate challenges and plan for success.

At Mitchell Williams, our team has decades of experience helping clients with forward-looking utility projects and renewable energy solutions. Backed with extensive industry knowledge, our team's focus is assisting clients with navigating the complex regulatory and business environment of utilities and energy. We regularly represent energy providers, public utilities, transmission-only utilities, independent power producers, developers, municipal and regional entities, and other energy-sector participants. With our cross-disciplinary team and extensive experience working on projects in all power markets, we drive value to our clients with effective strategies and innovative solutions to help them achieve their business goals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Extensive experience in public utility law, including filings and appearances before the Arkansas Public Services Commission
- Integrated team to leverage sophisticated industry knowledge and business support
- Comprehensive legal knowledge to create future-looking strategy, anticipate challenges, identify opportunities, and manage project needs
- Deep understanding of alternative energy project development pitfalls and avoidance steps
- Comprehensive experience with available incentives and local approval process

CAPABILITIES

- Energy-related corporate matters, complex transactions, and financings of energy-related capital projects
- Local tax abatement incentives and approvals
- Taxable and tax-exempt public and private finance transactions
- Real estate matters including land acquisition and leasing, title and local land use, eminent domain, right-of way easements, environmental regulation, permits, negotiation of power purchase agreements, engineering, procurement and construction agreements, asset purchase and sale agreements, and other energy industry specific contracts
- Utility scale solar and wind projects including project finance, development, permitting, tax and regulatory compliance matters
- Compliance with regulatory rulings and regulations
- Assist with regulatory approval for rate increases, policy tariffs, riders, major infrastructure projects, and resource plans
- Development of rate case applications and supporting testimony
- Negotiating, structuring, documenting, and closing renewable energy tax credit transactions for utility-scale solar facilities
- Regulatory proceedings such as the development of renewable energy portfolio standards and contract approvals
- Applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity and Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

- Counsel and representation in commercial and regulatory litigation matters
- Public financing of capital improvement and economic development projects
- Transmission and distribution utilities development and compliance
- Contracts including utility service contracts and corporate and commercial contracts
- Venture capital, private equity, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A)
- Policy and legislative strategy relating to renewable energy legislation and laws
- Distributed generation rules and net metering standards and compliance