

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Energy & Natural Resources

Smart energy law solutions that help our clients power the world.

Across the country and around the world, Husch Blackwell clients are blazing new trails in energy production and sustainability – and we’re right there with them. As the global spotlight focuses on renewable and alternative energy technology, we draw on our long history across energy sectors to help developers, investors, owners and lenders forge the future.

Our Energy & Natural Resources law team includes more than 50 attorneys who devote their practice to guiding multinational energy companies through the complex business and regulatory issues facing today’s energy companies.

Our guidance to clients in the energy and natural resources sector includes:

-  Facility development and construction
-  Mergers and acquisitions
-  Project finance
-  Power markets
-  Permitting and regulation
-  Safety and health



Husch Blackwell earned a National Tier 1 ranking for Energy Law in the 2022 edition of Best Law Firms.

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states where we've handled renewable energy projects

9/10

U.S. electric power markets where we have experience

\$21.8B

in energy mergers and acquisitions for clients over a 10-year period

Client Success

When Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. (APUC), based in Ontario, Canada, planned a \$2.3 billion transaction in Joplin, Missouri, they turned to the Husch Blackwell Energy & Natural Resources team. We represented APUC and its Liberty Utilities subsidiaries in the acquisition of The Empire District Electric Company, making Empire a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Utilities.

This acquisition significantly expanded APUC's utility operations in the United States to include 2,200 employees serving over 782,000 electric, gas and water customers within its regulated utility business. APUC's portfolio of power generating facilities contains both regulated and non-regulated power facilities with a total capacity of over 2,500 megawatts.

Practice Highlights

- Represented NV Energy Inc. in its partnership with Apple, Inc. to construct a 20-megawatt, 137-acre photovoltaic solar plant that will generate approximately 43.5 million kilowatt hours of clean energy to offset the electricity load for Apple's 90,000-square-foot data center.
- Represented an ethanol producer in a \$20 million equity investment by an India-based company and a total of \$110 million of long-term debt financing from a European banking group.
- Handled all strict liability blasting litigation with neighbors of surface mines in two Midwestern states for major national coal company, defending nine cases to judgment and securing dismissals in nine others.
- Represented Sunflower Electric in connection with the development and construction of a new 110-megawatt gas-fired peaking facility.

Strategic Transactions

Between 2010 and 2020, we led our clients through energy mergers and acquisitions worth \$21.8 billion. Although we have a keen focus on renewable power generation deals, which totaled \$9 billion in 2020, our experience spans the energy industry. Our mergers and acquisitions work also includes utilities, oil and gas companies, transmission companies and fossil fuel power generation.

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We consider the Husch team as an integrated member of our development team and efforts. Few firms have provided service in such a manner as to become a team member.

— Matt Birchby, Partner, Swift Current Energy

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Relentless client focus.

At Husch Blackwell, we have built our law firm around one idea: to guide our clients from where they are to where they want to be. Our industry-centric approach gives us a deep understanding of what our clients face every day. But more than that, it creates a shared vision that moves our clients forward.