

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Texas Energy Regulatory

From project development to transactions and ongoing operations, we provide clients with a 360-degree view on energy regulatory compliance.

Our Texas-based energy regulatory team represents a variety of clients in electric market compliance and enforcement matters before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), the Independent Market Monitor for the ERCOT region, the Texas Reliability Entity, and Texas courts. We have former PUCT and ERCOT professionals on board who offer a wealth of experience in representing clients in investigations and contested enforcement cases, negotiating with enforcement officials, developing compliance programs, advising on compliance with PUCT and ERCOT standards, and in obtaining voluntary mitigation plan approvals.

Who We Serve

- Retail Electric Providers
- Qualified Scheduling Entities
- Electric Generators
- Public Power Entities
- Transmission Utilities
- Investors and Financial

What We Do

- Rate Proceedings
- REP Certifications
- Power Generators Certifications
- Certificates of Convenience and Necessity
- M&A Due Diligence and Approvals
- State Licensure & Marketing Regulatory Reqs
- Rulemaking Proceedings
- ERCOT & ISO Registration
- Legislative Advocacy
- PPA Reviews
- Agency Investigations and Enforcement
- Eminent Domain, Condemnation and Easements
- FERC-Related State Law Issues
- Compliance Program Development
- Permitting



Husch Blackwell LLP

Our team was recognized by Chambers USA as a leader in the area of Texas Energy Regulatory Law



The 2022 U.S. News & World Report "Best Law Firms" directory ranked Husch Blackwell among its National Tier 1 law firms for Energy Law

Recent Representations

- Represented the largest generator of electricity from natural gas and geothermal resources in the US in three PUCT proceedings involving ERCOT's application to obtain authority to enter into a debt securitization financing related to certain costs stemming from Winter Storm Uri.
- Filed a petition on behalf of a utility-scale independent power provider successfully challenging wholesale transmission charges.
- Advised renewable energy developer and operator on issues related to PPA, including related monitoring certificate of convenience and necessity proceeding.
- Assisted a global provider of local power in pursuing a change to the ERCOT protocols involving changes to the testing of certain behind-the-meter electric generation assets.
- Assisted independent power producer in efforts to get new PUCT certification as a retail electric provider.
- Assisting a commercial electricity provider with numerous billing and settlement disputes with ERCOT.
- Assisted retail electricity provider in receiving approval from PUCT for an application to approve changes stemming from a change in control as a result of a transaction.
- Developed compliance program for multiple clients covering power marketing, power generation company, and retail electric providers.
- Assisting two separate entities with their efforts to exit the Texas retail electric market, winding down their regulatory obligations with ERCOT and PUCT, and transferring their customers to other providers.
- Assisted leading global alternative investment manager in the acquisition of three Texas wind farms, assisting with tax equity financing, regulatory and interconnection due diligence, and updating for all registrations and permitting.
- Assisted client in both the financing and sale of the Aviator facility, the largest single-phase, single-site wind project in the US.
- Represented large manufacturing customer in a municipal rate case where significant increases were at stake.
- Represented market entities disputing ERCOT settlements arising from Winter Storm Uri.

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It is great to be able to count on Husch Blackwell as a trusted law firm partner for our large pipeline of projects, saving me time and energy otherwise spent on shopping every project out to local counsel.

— **Caitlin Beer**, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC

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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.

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