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“I have used Christine’s legal services over a span of three decades. She has consistently provided excellent legal advice, well drafted contracts, and good communications with our management. She has a deep understanding of the electric industry, and a clear view of the industry’s future. We owe a lot of our success to her sound advice”—
long-time electric G&T cooperative client

Christine Ryan advises electric cooperatives, municipal electric systems and independent power producers on regulatory, transactional and financing issues. Her work with electric cooperatives—both generation and transmission and distribution cooperatives—extends to many aspects of their businesses and operations. During her more than 30 years working in the electric utility industry, Christine has focused extensively on energy markets, power plant development, renewables, restructuring matters, regional transmission organizations, power supply and transmission agreements, and all areas of federal power marketing.

Christine’s extensive experience in the energy industry includes involvement in large-scale electric project development and contract negotiations, helping clients take power plants from the drawing board to commercial operation. She has helped clients secure financing arrangements, inter-creditor arrangements, permitting, and ownership structures that meet the needs of one or more owners. She has assisted clients with negotiating agreements covering such areas as engineering, procurement and construction; asset purchase; joint ownership; operation and maintenance; fuel; and power supply.

Her regulatory work includes involvement in the major rulemaking processes affecting the electric industry and litigating cases before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). She closely follows regulatory developments of the FERC, Environmental Protection Agency, Rural Utilities Service, Southwestern Power Administration and several state commissions.

As the energy industry has evolved, Christine has navigated clients through their power supply choices and the challenges of an uncertain regulatory landscape.

Representative Matters

Electric cooperative—Solar power purchase agreements

Negotiate and draft solar purchase agreements in Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi.

Electric cooperative—Conversion to indenture

Represented a G&T electric cooperative in converting from a mortgage form of security agreement to an indenture.

Electric cooperative—Board attorney

Advising Board of Directors of a large G&T cooperative as Board Attorney.

Owner—Asset Purchase Agreement for gasification project

Negotiated and drafted Asset Purchase Agreement and other related agreements on behalf of a prospective owner of a first-of-a-kind Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Project and handled follow-up negotiations related to delays and cost overruns.

Electric cooperative—Joint ownership agreement for coal-fired plant

Negotiated and drafted joint ownership agreements related to a 665-MW coal-fired plant in Arkansas.

Electric cooperative—Operating agreement for biomass facility

Negotiated and drafted operating agreements related to a 50-MW biomass project in Texas.

Owner—Off-take agreements for wind generation

Negotiated and drafted off-take agreements for 200 MWs of wind generated at projects in Oklahoma.

Electric cooperatives—Requirements contracts

Negotiate and draft full- and partial-requirements contracts with numerous investor-owned utilities, including, but not limited to, AEP, Entergy, and Southern Company. Assist in annual true ups of charges under certain of these contracts.

Electric cooperative—Agreements for combined-cycle gas-fired generating plant

Negotiated agreements related to the development and construction of a 550-MW combined cycle gas-fired generating plant in Texas on behalf of minority owners.

Virginia electric cooperative—EEI Master Agreements for purchase of energy, capacity

Negotiated for an electric cooperative in Virginia EEI Master Agreements with multiple counterparties for purchasing energy or capacity to supply their customers or hedge pricing of their power supply arrangements.

Electric cooperatives—ISDA Master Agreements for power purchases

Negotiate for nonprofit utilities ISDA Master Agreements with multiple counterparties, including as appropriate, the Power Annex, Gas Annex, Credit Support Annex, and Master Netting Agreement. We negotiate the transaction confirmations for the purpose of purchasing power (and incorporating the appropriate product, including RTO-specific products), hedging gas supplies, implementing transactions under energy management arrangements for facilities or utility systems, and arranging the interest rate swap for a financial deal.

Electric cooperative—Merger

Represented an electric cooperative in connection with the merger of three rural electric cooperatives, including handling merger agreements, renegotiating credit agreements, regulatory approvals, and the renegotiation of power supply agreements.

Various electric cooperatives—Partnership agreements for new transmission development

Create partnership arrangements for the development of new transmission projects.

Electric cooperative—FERC litigation

Represented an electric cooperative in FERC litigation regarding the allocation of System Security Resource costs in the MISO footprint.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, JD

Rosemont College, BA

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Law Clerk

The Hon. John Lewis Smith, former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Memberships & Certifications

Electric Cooperative Bar Association

Energy Bar Association

G&T Lawyers Association

President, 1998-1999

American Bar Association

Reading Partners, Washington, DC Public Schools

Volunteer Tutor

Stone Ridge School

Former Board Chair

International Senior Lawyers Project

Volunteer

Recognitions

"Christine Ryan has served as our legal expert on FERC matters for decades, but her relationship with the Cooperative goes well beyond that. In terms of all matters related to generation and transmission she is an advocate, a sounding board, and a trusted adviser. Our Cooperative members have benefited greatly from her subject matter expertise, her industry knowledge, and her prudent wisdom."—long-time electric G&T cooperative client

Alerts

Trump Imposes 30 Percent Tariff on Solar Imports, Environment & Energy Alert, 1.24.2018

DOE Requests FERC Fast-Track a Rule That Will Benefit Coal and Nuclear Plants, Environment & Energy Alert, 10.10.2017