



Lauren Azar

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Since 1994, Lauren Azar has participated in the electric industry from all perspectives. At the federal level, she was Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the DOE focusing on institutional barriers in the electric industry. She led the efforts on overhauling the federal role in transmission permitting and siting. At the state level, Lauren served as a Commissioner at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin concurrently with her role as President of the Organization of MISO States. Additionally, while she was Commissioner,

she founded and was President of the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council. In the private sector, she represented utilities (electric) and utility customers (water). She is currently representing transmission developers, both utilities and merchants, throughout the United States; providing advice to consultants preparing environmental impact statements for the federal government; counseling emerging technology companies in overcoming institutional barriers in the electric sector; and providing advice and counsel to utilities on preparing for the "utility of the future." Over the years, Lauren has provided extensive advice to utilities, from helping to create the nation's first multi-state stand-alone transmission company to representing a merchant company in purchasing a nuclear power plant.

Lauren's broad and multi-faceted experience provides clients with unparalleled insight and relationships. Lauren is respected by state and federal regulators, CEOs of utilities, industry financiers, and tech companies that are bringing new products to market. Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers College and a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Northwestern University. She also has a Master of Science in Water Resources Management and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.