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Kate joined SEPA in July 2017, where she works with SEPA's 51st State Initiative, a collaborative platform that is an alternative to the contentious debates surrounding market and rate reform occurring in many jurisdictions. The initiative creates an ongoing, safe forum for experts and industry leaders to shape the evolution of the utility sector.

Prior to SEPA, Kate completed her master's degree in International Relations & Economics, with a concentration in Energy, Resources & Environment from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Her studies focused on electricity markets, renewable energy, and distributed energy resources. Additionally, she completed a graduate consultant project for BP Global on the future of the

U.S. transportation sector, as well as graduate internships at the Edison Foundation's Institute for Electric Innovation (IEI), the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), and Fresh Energy. Prior to SAIS, she worked in Kyoto-fu, Japan for the JET Programme, and was the development manager for Milkweed Editions, an independent book publisher based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College, Columbia University, with a B.A. in art history and political science. Kate has worked and lived in Japan, Italy, India, and South Africa, and is always planning her next adventure.