



ERIC BLANK

Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Eric Blank was appointed to a four-year term as chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission in 2020 by Governor Jared Polis. Eric is a lawyer and economist from Boulder and has worked on electric utility and clean energy issues for over 35 years in a diverse range of entrepreneurial, business, and non-profit settings. In 2000, he co-founded a pioneering national renewable energy development company, which he ran until three years ago. He

helped commercialize first wind and then later solar technologies by building some of the earliest and largest clean energy projects outside of California. He has developed 2,000 MW of operating wind and solar projects, representing \$4 billion in invested capital. Eric spent most of the 1990s leading the energy work of a non-profit environmental group, now called Western Resource Advocates. Through PUC interventions in six western states, he helped develop some of the first policies that made utility clean energy investments initially feasible and ultimately cost-effective. Prior to that, he was a consultant preparing utility capacity expansion and dispatch modeling studies. Eric holds a law degree from Yale Law School and a master's in economics from the London School of Economics.