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Overview

Eric Runge provides counsel and representation to clients in the evolving electric industry at both the federal and state level. Over the course of his over thirty year energy practice, he has served clients in successfully addressing a broad array of legal, regulatory, commercial, project development, siting and policy matters. Eric's energy practice includes extensive work before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and with state regulatory agencies, including the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board. In his energy practice, Eric provides sound advice and strong advocacy, together with a commitment to achieving his clients' objectives efficiently and effectively. He has a current focus on client matters related to electric transmission, generator interconnection, offshore wind and other renewable clean energy resource development, energy storage issues and state siting of energy facilities.

Experience

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Counsel to a major offshore wind developer for the development of a 2,400 MW offshore wind generation facility off the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; serve as lead counsel on siting the related transmission connector projects in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and related environmental matters, interconnection with the regional transmission system, all FERC matters, and ISO-NE rules; and represent the project before the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board

Serve as lead counsel for the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) on all transmission and reliability matters, including interconnection, transmission cost allocation, regional system planning, future grid, interregional transmission planning, transmission rates, resource adequacy and installed capacity requirements, and the intersection of these areas with the wholesale power markets; directly involved in the development and administration of the ISO-NE rules, and related regulatory litigation and rulemaking comments, in these areas on behalf of NEPOOL; and participated in the formation of ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) back in 1996

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and has worked with ISO-NE staff and counsel closely since then, including being directly involved in the development and FERC approval of many of the ISO-NE rules

Counsel for the past 25 years to the group of financial supporters of and rights holder in a 2,000 MW HVDC interconnection between New England and Quebec, including incumbent transmission owners and municipal entities; provide counsel to the group on all contractual, regulatory and ISO-NE rules matters and serve as Secretary and conduct all governance processes for it; and recently helped with negotiations and a successful FERC settlement filing to revise and extend the financial support agreements, resulting in a 20-year extension of the revised agreements

Serve as interconnection counsel to a developer of a 1,200 MW public policy transmission project to deliver energy from renewable energy resources in Maine

Provide due diligence on multiple acquisitions of energy assets, particularly related to interconnection arrangements

Extensive experience as counsel regarding FERC-jurisdictional interconnection matters for numerous clients over the years, including onshore and offshore wind, solar, and battery storage projects, providing valuable advice and advocacy to help resolve disputes and issues and guide clients through the interconnection process and also advising clients on issues related to state versus federal jurisdiction for interconnection of distributed energy and energy storage facilities

Helped successfully litigate a FERC complaint proceeding regarding a \$222 million transmission-related affected system dispute between two large investor-owned utilities

Served as Massachusetts regulatory counsel on financings of large portfolios of solar energy projects

Served as FERC counsel to a 1,500 MW merchant transmission project being developed in New Mexico by a state authority in collaboration with a major investment banking firm

Provided counsel and representation of renewable energy sellers in proceedings before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities' for approval of long-term power purchase agreements

Education and Credentials

Education

Boston College Law School, J.D., 1992

Amherst College, A.B., *summa cum laude*, 1982

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Affiliations

New England-Canada Business Council, board of directors (past member)

Energy Bar Association (EBA)

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Insights

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Addresses Requests for Rehearing of Major Transmission Planning Rule
Day Pitney Alert, November 26, 2024

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Issues Two Major Final Rules on Transmission Planning and Siting
July 2, 2024

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Affirms Final Interconnection Rule
April 1, 2024

Generator, Utility Challenges After FERC Connection Revamp
August 16, 2023

"FERC Order No. 2023: Impacts of Generator Interconnection Final Rule," Day Pitney
September 14, 2023

Order No. 2023 Requires Major Reforms to Generator Interconnection
August 11, 2023

How Inflation Reduction Act Will Lift Offshore Wind Projects
September 9, 2022

The Inflation Reduction Act: How Will Its Provisions Impact Offshore Wind Development?
August 30, 2022

New Mass. Law a Step Forward for Offshore Wind
August 29, 2022

Massachusetts Enacts Important Energy Legislation – An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind
August 18, 2022

FERC Interconnection Revamp Plan: Some Pain, Big Gains
July 8, 2022

FERC Issues Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Reforming Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements
June 27, 2022

How FERC Proposal Will Guide Clean Grid Development
May 17, 2022

FERC Issues Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Regional Transmission Planning, Cost Allocation and Related Matters
May 2, 2022

Offshore Wind: Transmission and Interconnection Issues and Potential Solutions
March 3, 2022

FERC Transmission and Interconnection ANOPR: Overview, Comments and Observations
December 6, 2021

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Advances Major Initiative to Overhaul Transmission Planning, Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection Processes
July 22, 2021

Massachusetts Enacts Major Climate Change Legislation
March 30, 2021

New England State Energy Legislation Recap: 2020/Early 2021 Summary of Key Developments
January 8, 2021

Massachusetts Launches New Financing Program for Property Owners Looking to Implement Energy-Related Improvements
August 3, 2020

Massachusetts Attorney General Rejects Local Ban on New Gas and Oil in Building Connections
July 31, 2020

DC Circuit Court Decision on Federal/State Jurisdiction in Energy Storage
July 14, 2020

FERC/Bankruptcy Court Concurrent Jurisdiction
April 2, 2020

Challenges Facing Energy Businesses in the COVID-19 Outbreak
March 20, 2020

FERC Issues Final Rule on Electric Storage Participation in Organized Markets
February 16, 2018

Massachusetts Emerges As An Energy Storage Leader
October 30, 2017

Mass. Clean Energy Standard Reshapes the Energy Landscape
September 18, 2017

Massachusetts Issues New Clean Energy Standard Affecting the Electricity Sector
August 16, 2017

Massachusetts Issues Major New Solar Energy Regulations
June 6, 2017

The Future of Distributed Energy in New York
March 9, 2017

Solar Energy Keeps Shining In Massachusetts - For Now
April 13, 2016

Massachusetts Legislature Approves Solar Energy Bill
April 8, 2016

The Future of Net Metering Caps for Solar Technologies in Massachusetts
November 3, 2015

SREC-II Begins the Next Chapter of Solar in Massachusetts
February 6, 2014

A New World Of Competitive Transmission Development
June 6, 2013

Law360 Publishes Energy Attorneys' Article on DC Circuit's FERC ROE Decision
May 21, 2013

News

Day Pitney Energy Team Secures Important Regulatory Approvals for SouthCoast Wind
October 7, 2024

Day Pitney's Renewable Energy Team Completed Two Major Transmission Siting Filings for Mayflower Wind Energy
June 3, 2022

Day Pitney's Renewable Energy Team Advise Mayflower Wind Energy Through Regulatory Application Process for Transmission Connector Facility
December 8, 2021

In The Media

Energy Law Insights for 2024: Grid Evolution – Navigating FERC Order 1920
American Bar Association's Environmental Law Explored podcast, July 17, 2024

Day Pitney's Renewable Energy Team Completed Two Major Transmission Siting Filings for Mayflower Wind Energy
Energy Central News, June 5, 2022

U.S. Offshore Wind: Moving Power to the People
Engineering News-Record, April 13, 2022

Massachusetts Climate Law One of Many State Environmental Actions
EHS Daily Advisor, April 22, 2021

Massachusetts Solar Development
April 19, 2017

Speaker, "SREC-II: The Next Chapter of Solar in Massachusetts," *Day Pitney Webinar*, February 6, 2014
February 6, 2014

2015 Electricity 101
September 16, 2015

Hughes v. Talen: What's Next For Energy in New England?
June 29, 2016

Advancing Customer Choice
November 10, 2015

Eric Runge and Sebastian Lombardi Speak at Northeast Energy and Commerce Association "Electricity 101"
September 8, 2014

Mass. Is A Shining Example for Solar Power
Law360, January 13, 2014

New MA regulations offer sunny outlook for solar industry
Boston Business Journal, January 10, 2014

Energy Attorneys Contribute Order 1000 Article to *Financier Worldwide*
Financier Worldwide, May 1, 2013