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OVERVIEW

With a background at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), Dakota advises clients on complex energy regulatory matters.

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Dakota served as a managing attorney at the PUCT, representing the Commission as lead counsel and overseeing a team of staff attorneys. He gained extensive experience with high-dollar litigation and contested hearings in base rate cases establishing rate increases for electric utilities in Texas. Dakota also handled tariff proceedings, various settlement negotiations, and the sale of an electric utility to a multi-billion dollar investment firm.

Dakota joined Husch Blackwell thanks to his excellent experience with the firm's work during his time at the PUCT. He assists clients with litigation, corporate transactions and various regulatory compliance needs, including rates, transmission system access, policy questions, and registration and certification questions. Dakota is excited to work in an area of law that touches so many different industries and that has such a wide variety of components, and the more challenging or complex a client matter is, the better.

Dakota's background gives him both an in-depth understanding and a broad perspective on the energy industry and energy's role as a public utility. At the PUCT, his role was to represent the public interest, and he understands both the public interest side and the private value of power generation. He brings this experience to bear in his representation of clients, helping them both do the right thing and achieve the most successful outcome.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Electric Transmission

Energy Regulation

Hydrogen

Mergers & Acquisitions

Experience

- Represented the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) as manager and lead counsel in multiple contested hearings regarding a base rate increase for electric utilities.
- Participated in multiple distributed generation tariff proceedings for PUCT regarding energy battery storage.
- Participated in PUCT litigation regarding a generation certificate of convenience and necessity docket for conversion of a coal generation facility to natural gas.
- Participated in meetings and settlement negotiations regarding complex electric dockets before PUCT.
- As PUCT attorney, facilitated a settlement agreement for the sale of an electric utility to a multi-billion dollar investment firm.
- As PUCT attorney, facilitated settlements regarding multiple fuel reconciliation applications for electric utilities.
- Represented PUCT staff regarding multiple transmission cost of service rate increase applications.
- Litigated a PUCT hearing regarding a wind generation certificate of convenience and necessity for an electric utility.
- Served on developer's counsel team for Swift Current in bringing a 260 MW solar project located in Southeast Texas online.

Education

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law
- B.A., University of Texas at Dallas

Admissions

- Texas



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