



Catherine J. Webking

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Overview

Catherine Webking's practice encompasses advocacy in Texas regulatory matters, especially in the areas of public utility law involving electricity, telecommunications, water, and natural gas. Catherine has a deep understanding of Texas' utility regulatory environment and its migration to competitive services in the relevant markets. She regularly advises utility market participants on regulations and compliance, rulemaking proceedings, contract negotiations, contested cases, rate cases, enforcement actions, complaints, litigation and appeals. Clients include retail electric providers (REPs), generators, commercial and industrial customers, transmission and distribution providers, cooperatives, water utilities, competitive telecommunications providers, real estate developers, and property owners. Catherine uses a technical and business approach to recognize and resolve regulatory impediments and opportunities.

Highly ranked by Chambers USA, Catherine is described in the publication as "... much admired by her peers for her expertise in electricity and gas matters such as transmission and rate-setting work. One impressed client praised her ability to 'see how issues taken in one proceeding might affect future efforts on another front.'"

Experience

Represents a trade association of competitive retail electric providers in extensive rulemakings and contested proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Successful in representing a trade association in obtaining a Public Utility Commission of Texas decision regarding competitive protection against affiliate naming practices of an incumbent utility. Also successful in assisting to defend that decision in Travis County District Court and the Texas Third Court of Appeals.

Represented Gillespie County in a proceeding involving routing of a high powered electric transmission line to avoid traversing the middle of the county.

Represented special utility district in appeal of rate-setting brought by customer group. The opposing side ultimately withdrew the appeal.

Represented group of competitive telecommunications providers in obtaining legislative relief related to existing funding mechanism.

Awards

- Chambers USA – Energy: Texas State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)
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News & Insights

- SDM ranked Band 1 in 2020 Chambers USA
- SDM Utility lawyer Catherine Webking talks with The WSJ about electric market issues in light of the Texas winter storm

Practice Areas

- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Public Utilities
- Oil & Gas Regulatory
- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- Renewable Energy

Education

- Texas A&M University, B. S., Chemical Engineering
- University of Texas Law School, J. D., with honors, 1991

Admissions

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- State Bar of Texas – Administrative Law Section
- Travis County Bar Association – Public Utility Law Section
- Gulf Coast Power Association