

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE'S NATIONAL ENERGY PRACTICE GROWS AGAIN, ADDING REGULATORY EXPERT IN D.C.

Davis Wright Tremaine's nationally ranked energy team, which last year brought on a seven-lawyer group from Alston & Bird, has expanded again, welcoming former Federal Energy Regulatory Commission lawyer Fredrick Wilson as Counsel in Washington, D.C.

Wilson brings to the firm a full spectrum of energy industry experience, including a decade as an engineer at major electricity providers, 4+ years as a regulator at FERC, and 5+ years in private practice at White & Case.

"Fred has a depth of understanding that can only come from years of work in the trenches," said Vid Prabhakaran, Davis Wright's energy practice chair. "He brings to our team rare technical expertise and an intimate familiarity with FERC processes and deliberations. He also provides strong insight into the regulatory, operational and financial issues presented by complex industry transactions and projects. I'm thrilled to have him on board."

"Initially, I was drawn to Davis Wright's strong market reputation," said Wilson. "As I got to see the firm from the inside, I was delighted to discover a dynamic culture and clear synergies with many existing team members. I believe we're in the early stages of a new transition in energy markets and their regulatory oversight and I'm confident that Davis Wright provides the optimal platform for me to help clients successfully navigate these changes."

During his tenure at FERC, Wilson acted as commission trial

staff, leading proceedings involving electric transmission ratemaking, natural gas pipeline ratemaking, and RT0/ISO tariff compliance, among other issues. He also contributed to the development of federal policy in electric and gas markets as legal advisor to then-commissioner Colette D. Honorable.

At White & Case, where he worked most recently, Wilson's regulatory clients included electric utilities, transmission owners, large industrial consumers of power, energy marketers, natural gas pipelines, shippers, and other service providers subject to the Federal Power Act, Natural Gas Act, and Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.

Wilson received his undergraduate degree from Howard University, his MBA from Georgia State University, and his law degree from University of Houston Law Center.

Davis Wright's 40-member energy group, located in California, Washington, D.C., New York, and the Pacific Northwest, was recently ranked among the top nationwide practices by Chambers USA in Electricity – Regulatory & Litigation. The team also placed in Band 1 for Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation in California.

Last year, the group added seven lawyers from Alston & Bird in Washington, D.C., including partners Sean Atkins and Michael Kunselman and counsel Andrea Wolfman, a former senior FERC executive who spent 24 years at the commission and led its enforcement office.

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