Biography of Bernard L. McNamee Nominee for FERC

Bernie McNamee has served in a number of legal and policy positions at the state and federal level throughout his career. He currently serves at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). There he has served as the Executive Director of the Office of Policy and as Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy.

Bernie practiced energy law for almost nine-years total as a partner and senior counsel with McGuireWoods LLP, in Richmond, Virginia, primarily representing electric and natural gas utilities before state public utility commissions. Cases included:

- Approval of three utility-scale solar electric generating facilities in Virginia.
- Approval of a 1358 MW natural gas combined cycle electric generating facility in Virginia.
- Approval of the conversion of three older coal electric plants to biomass in Virginia.
- Approval of renewable portfolio standards (RPS) plans for a major electric utility.
- Approval of energy efficiency and conservation plans for electric and natural gas utilities.
- Approval of various electric transmission lines.
- Approval of rate cases and fuel cases for electric and natural gas utilities.
- Approval for an independent generator to acquire a co-generation facility.
- Approval of integrated resource plans (IRP) for electric utility that included natural gas, coal, nuclear, and renewables.

Among other positions, Bernie was a policy advisor on energy issues for a United States Senator from Texas, worked at a free-market think tank on energy issues, served four attorneys general in two states (Virginia and Texas), and was a policy advisor to a Virginia governor.

Bernie received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.