

Patrick J. McCormick III

Patrick McCormick stepped down as Chief Counsel to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate (“the Committee”) near the end of 2025. Over a tenure spanning seven Congresses (112th-119th), McCormick previously served as Chief Counsel (2015-2018), Minority Chief Counsel (2013-2015 and 2024) and Minority Special Counsel (2011-2013 and 2020-2024) to the Committee. Currently he serves as a Senior Fellow with the National Center for Energy Analytics and a Senior Advisor to CGCN Group in Washington, D.C.

During his entire tenure with the Committee staff, McCormick provided counsel to Senators and staff on legislation and agency oversight related to the energy policy of the United States and all other matters within the panel’s jurisdiction. He also had senior staff responsibility for the Committee’s consideration of the nominations of five Secretaries of Energy, five Secretaries of the Interior, every member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission confirmed since 2011, and dozens of other Presidentially-appointed Federal officials with responsibility for energy regulation and policy or the management of Federal lands and waters.

Prior to re-joining the committee staff at the invitation of the Chairman in 2020, McCormick served as Vice President, Regulatory for Bloom Energy Corporation, an NYSE-listed manufacturer of fuel cells, reporting to the company’s Chief Executive Officer. Immediately prior to joining the Committee Staff in 2011, McCormick was a partner and the leader of the Regulated Markets and Energy Infrastructure Practice in the Washington Office of Hunton & Williams LLP (now Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP) and was recognized in *Chambers USA* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

McCormick’s private sector experience prior to joining the Committee staff focused on representing energy companies and advising executives and government officials on matters pertaining to energy regulation and infrastructure development. Earlier in his career he served as Office Managing Partner of the Washington Office of Balch and Bingham LLP, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Electric Rates and Corporate Regulation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and in positions of increasing responsibility with Potomac Electric Power Company (now Pepco, a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation).

August 31, 2026