

Biography for Jeff Dennis

Jeffery S. Dennis is Managing Director and General Counsel at Advanced Energy Economy (www.aee.net), a national organization of businesses making the energy we use secure, clean, and affordable. In that role, he manages a portfolio of policy initiatives to support the growth of the advanced energy industry and provides legal advice and counsel on regulatory matters and litigation across the organization's programs. He spends a significant portion of his time developing strategies to increase wholesale electricity market access for advanced energy technologies (including wind, solar, distributed generation, demand response, and energy efficiency technologies). Jeff has particular expertise in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") law and policy - for more than 10 years, he held numerous positions there. Most recently, he was the Director of the Division of Policy Development from 2013 to 2015, where he led the agency's policy research efforts and the development of new and revised regulations. Before that he was an advisor to Commissioner John R. Norris, providing legal and policy advice on all aspects of FERC's regulation of the electricity and natural gas industries. Earlier in his career, Jeff was a lawyer in FERC's Solicitor's Office, defending FERC's orders and actions in the United States District Courts and Courts of Appeal. Jeff has also been a lawyer in private practice in both Washington, D.C. and New Mexico, where he represented numerous energy clients in proceedings before FERC, state public utility commissions, and in the courts.

Jeff serves on the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Energy Law Journal. He has written extensively on a wide variety of topics in energy and environmental law and policy and is frequent speaker and lecturer at industry events and academic institutions. Jeff graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law with a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law (*summa cum laude*), and received his BA from Marymount University (Arlington, VA) (*summa cum laude*).