

Honorable Mark W. Menezes

The Honorable Mark W. Menezes is the President & Chief Executive Officer of the United States Energy Association. He is the immediate past Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, a former senior executive with two major energy companies, and a former Congressional Energy Committee Chief Counsel.

Experience

June 2023—Present

President and Chief Executive Officer, United States Energy Association
Washington DC

The United States Energy Association (USEA) is a nonprofit, educational organization founded in 1924 to serve as a policy and technological information resource. Its mission is to foster the advancement of all segments of the energy sector and to promote access to affordable, reliable, clean, and sustainable energy domestically and in the developing countries in partnership with USAID, Department of State, and the Department of Energy (DOE), among others.

August 2021—Present

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law School
Washington DC

Course: Energy Policy and Climate Change

February 2021—2023

Founder, Global Sustainable Energy Advisors LLC
Founder, Acadia Strategic Partners LLC

US/International strategic advisory firms on energy policy and security matters, innovative technologies, transactions, and investments.

August 2020—January 2021

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

Chief Operating Officer of \$34.5 billion Department responsible for management of energy program offices, the Office of Science and the 17 national laboratories, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the nation's nuclear deterrent program, and environmental management of the legacy sites. As Deputy Secretary of U.S. Department of Energy, drove innovative, transformative policies and technologies throughout our nation's energy industry, 17 national science labs, nuclear deterrent program, and environmental remediation. Confirmed by the U.S. Senate by a vote of 79-16.

November 2017—August 2020

Under Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

Responsible for overall management of energy program offices, policies and management of Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Indian Energy, Fossil Energy, Office of Electricity, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response, Power Marketing Administrations, Office of Policy, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Loan Program Office, Office of Project Management. Third highest Department official; confirmed by U.S. Senate by voice vote. Obtained Top Secret/SCI/Q

clearances.

Highlight: Conceived, developed, implemented the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy and Emergency Response (CESER) led by a Presidential nominee/Senate confirmed Assistant Secretary.

September 2017—November 2017

Senior Executive Service, Department of Energy

Senior Advisor to Secretary and Deputy Secretary while pending Senate confirmation. Made several trips to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

April 2016–September 2017

Vice President, Federal Relations, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company (wholly-owned intermediate holding company of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.). Washington, D.C. (Headquarters: Des Moines, Iowa/Omaha, Nebraska).

Represented major energy holding company before federal agencies and Congress. Companies included 2 large interstate natural gas pipelines; 3 electric and gas utilities operating in 11 states in regulated and organized energy markets (Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada), with coal, nuclear, natural gas and renewable energy generation; an energy trading operation; an unregulated wholesale power company with generation facilities throughout the U.S. and in Asia; and electric transmission companies in the U.S. and Canada. Key agencies included FERC, EPA, Department of Energy, Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forestry Service, Treasury, CFTC, SEC, FCC, and Department of Transportation. Coordinated representation before state regulatory commissions.

March 2006–April 2016

Partner, Hunton & Williams LLP (now Hunton Andrews Kurth), multinational law firm, Washington, D.C. office (19 offices, Headquarters: Richmond, Virginia)

Headed and managed the Regulated Markets and Energy Infrastructure practice group. Represented and advised corporations, utilities, energy companies, and trade associations whose businesses are regulated by the FERC, DOE, EPA, CFTC, SEC, FCC and other Federal and State regulatory bodies.

Frequent guest speaker and lecturer before numerous associations and civic groups, including legal education seminars. Topics included the nation's energy and environmental policies, utility restructuring, telecommunications, ethics, Sarbanes-Oxley Act, merger and acquisition practices, and regulatory and legislative processes. Quoted in the *New York Times*, *Law360*, *Oil and Gas Journal*, *Politico* and interviewed by E&ETV.

- Represented energy companies and States in challenging legal authority and programmatic implementation of EPA's Clean Power Plan. Assisted in drafting comments filed at EPA and briefs filed with D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the successful stay request with the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Represented Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Nippon Export and Investment

Insurance (NEXI), and a group of commercial banks on the regulatory aspects of a \$4.369 billion senior secured project debt finance, letter of credit and working capital facilities to finance the construction and operation of Train 1 of a multi-train natural gas liquefaction and export facilities project to be located on Quintana Island near Freeport, Texas. Transaction recognized as 2014 “Deal of the Year – Americas” by *Project Finance International* (PFI).

- Served as primary author and editor of the national energy plan of the 21st Century Energy Foundation of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a report to the Department of Energy on behalf of the National Coal Council recommending policy parity between fossil fuels and renewables.
- Represented utilities before FERC and Congress on issues including interstate transmission and wholesale power sales, policies and compliance, EPA on environmental issues and FCC on policies on pole attachments and spectrum use.
- Represented energy companies and lenders at DOE and FERC in the development, authorization, and siting of LNG facilities and pipelines.
- Represented the Gas Processors Association before FERC, EPA and Congress. Coordinated efforts with oil and gas trade associations.
- Represented energy companies at DOE on funding under the Clean Coal Initiative for carbon capture and storage facilities and for nuclear loan guarantees.
- Established and represented the Working Group of Commercial Energy Firms, comprised of large oil and gas and utility energy trading entities before the CFTC, FERC and SEC on issues arising in the implementation of new regulations of energy commodities under the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- Represented utilities and energy companies on issues on greenhouse gas regulations and climate change proposals. During the 111th Congress, established and represented the Americans for Affordable Climate Policy which advocated for an emissions-based allocation formula designed to create markets for credits generated by fossil fuel industry.
- Represented national energy trade associations, including those with members providing oil and natural gas, electricity, and renewable sources of energy to industrial, commercial, and residential consumers.
- Served on Hunton and Williams Renewable Energy Steering Committee and advised companies on the development, permitting and construction of renewable projects, primarily wind and solar.

May 2003–March 2006

Chief Counsel, Energy and Environment, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Chief negotiator and legislative architect for the House Majority in the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which streamlined permitting for natural gas pipelines, LNG facilities and electric transmission lines, repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, reformed the mandatory purchase obligations under the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978, *exempted hydraulic fracturing from the Safe Drinking Water Act, mandated reliability standards*

for the bulk power system, among other provisions related to nuclear, coal, oil and gas, renewables, DOE loan guarantees and energy technology research and development programs. Conducted agency oversight and budget review of FERC, DOE, NRC and EPA. Chief investigator of the U.N.'s Oil for Food Iraq Program. Managed personnel and subject matters of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

June 2000–May 2003

Vice President, Associate General Counsel, Public Policy and Governmental Affairs, American Electric Power, Washington, D.C. (Headquarters: Columbus, Ohio)

Represented large, multistate utility with international holdings before federal regulatory agencies and Congress. Managed and coordinated regulatory and legislative personnel and matters in 11 States (Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas). Represented the company before Congress and at FERC and the SEC on all matters under the Federal Power Act and Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. Represented the utility's energy commodity trading group during California energy crisis and subsequent investigations. Participated in the development of the Bush/Cheney Energy Policy Plan.

December 1993–June 2000

Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Central and Southwest Corporation, Washington, D.C. (Headquarters: Dallas, Texas)

Represented multistate utility electric company comprised of 4 operating companies in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas before federal regulatory agencies, Congress and state regulatory bodies. Managed federal and state regulatory and governmental affairs budget and personnel. Managed merger with American Electric Company process and regulatory approvals of 5 federal regulatory agencies and 11 state commissions.

January 1991–December 1993

McCamish, Martin and Loeffler LLP, Senior Counsel, Washington, D.C. (Headquarters: San Antonio, Texas)

Represented major corporations before federal regulatory bodies and Congress. Clients included major corporations and trade associations on energy, telecommunications, trade, financial regulation, spectrum use, oil and gas production, refineries, and international trade.

December 1989–December 1990

Staff Counsel (Fellow), U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Handled maritime and energy-related matters. Assisted in the investigation of the *Valdez* oil spill and staffed the conference of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

May 1981–December 1989

Louisiana House of Representatives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Deputy Clerk of the House, Committee Counsel to the Louisiana House of Representatives.

Served in various capacities beginning as Journal Clerk during the legislative sessions and committee counsel to appointment as Deputy Clerk. Assisted the Clerk as reading clerk, parliamentarian, manager of House Legislative Services budget and personnel, and legal counsel to the House. Served as special counsel to the Louisiana Sentencing Commission and as special counsel to the Committee on Judicial Election Reform.

Law practice, Menezes & Megginson LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

General practice of law including corporate, insurance defense, trial and appellate practice, state, and federal courts. Conducted several jury trials. Clerked for State court district judge during capital offense jury trials.

Education

Louisiana State University Law Center, J.D., 1981

Law clerk, Wray & Robinson LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Louisiana State University, B.A., Political Science, 1978

Oil field hand, Halliburton Services, Harvey, Louisiana, during undergraduate summers.

Freshman Dormitory Resident Manager, Freshman Counsellor, during undergraduate semesters.

Memberships

Bar Admissions: District of Columbia, Texas, Louisiana; U.S. Supreme Court. All licenses are current and in good standing.

Former Member, Advisory Council, Louisiana State University Law John P. Laborde Energy Law Center, resigned upon confirmation as Under Secretary of Energy.

Former Member, Board of Directors, Past President, Congressional Chorus & American Youth Chorus, resigned upon confirmation as Under Secretary of Energy

Former Member, Board of Directors, Energy Markets Research Foundation, resigned upon confirmation as Under Secretary of Energy

Publications

Co-author, "Cybersecurity Standards for Owners of Critical Infrastructure," *The National Law Journal*, December 10, 2012

Co-author, "Reliability: Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," *The Energy Daily*, November 3, 2011

Co-author, "White House Proposes Cybersecurity Legislation," *Bloomberg Technology Law Reporter*, May 31, 2011

Co-author, "Comprehensive Regime, Ambitious Goals in Waxman-Markey," *Executive Counsel*, September/October 2009

Co-author, "Climate Change Legislation Proceeding Slowly," *Executive Counsel*,

September/October 2008

Co-author, *Louisiana Sentencing Guidelines Manual*, West Publishing Company, 1993, 1994 editions

Awards & Recognition

Listed in Best Lawyers in America 2013–2016

Listed in Corporate Counsel's Top Lawyers 2006–2011

Listed in Washington Post's Top Lawyers 2008–2016

Listed in DC Super Lawyers 2012–2016

Named in National Journal's "Hill 100"—top Congressional staff for work on both energy and environmental matters.

Recipient of James R. Schlesinger Medal for Energy—Highest award issued by Secretary of Energy

“The James R. Schlesinger Medal for Energy Security honors an individual's distinguished contributions to advancing our understanding of the threats, opportunities and energy policy choices impacting the domestic and international energy security interests of the United States through analysis, policy or practice.”