

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

6/26/13 Oversight Hearing on
“The Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective”

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Ted Coombes
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Southwestern Power Resources Association
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For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Ted Coombes / Southwestern Power Resources Association

Title/Date of Hearing: Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective / June 26, 2013

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

BA, *Magna Cum Laude*, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Legislative Director in charge of Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee issues, the Honorable Wes Watkins, U.S. House of Representatives, 1977 – 1985; investigator, energy and water issues (including PMAs, Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation), Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, U.S. House of Representatives, 1985-1988; Director of Government Relations (including PMA/Corps issues), American Public Power Association, 1992 – 1995; Executive Director, Southwestern Power Resources Association, 1995 – present.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None personally.

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

As Executive Director of Southwestern Power Resources Association, I represent the interests of the federal preference customers (ratepayers) of Southwestern Power Administration in their dealings with the federal government in general, and with the PMAs, DOE and the Corps of Engineers in particular.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Executive Director (CEO) of Southwestern Power Resources Association

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

None.

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

Southwestern Power Resources Association intervened in Case No. 13-1033 before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia earlier this year. This case involves an appeal by the U.S. Department of Energy and Department of Interior (represented by the Justice Department) against a decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which found that the North American Energy Reliability Corp. has the authority under provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to issue monetary penalties against Federal agencies for failure to comply with electric transmission reliability standards. SPRA intervened in support of the position of the Departments of Energy and Interior.

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).