

Jason Eisdorfer

Short Biography

Jason Eisdorfer has served as the Utility Program Director of the Oregon Public Utility Commission since 2012. He oversees a staff of approximately 77 employees and provides direction to formulate policies, recommendations, and practices regarding the regulation of investor-owned electricity, natural gas, water and telecommunications utilities. He ensures that program staff considers the balances between consumer interests, shareholder interests, and state policy. He advises the Commissioners on policies and issues concerning utility regulation and evolving industry structures. He oversees the administrative affairs of the Utility Program and its biennial budget in excess of \$8 million.

Previously Eisdorfer was the Interim Director of Strategy Integration at the Bonneville Power Administration, a federal Power Marketing Administration, and before that he served as BPA's Greenhouse Gas Policy Advisor. In this role he served as the senior advisor to the agency on policies and programs related to climate change.

Eisdorfer served as legal counsel and energy program director of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon for 13 years. He acted as legal representative for all organizational activities on behalf of residential utility customers of investor-owned electricity, natural gas and telecommunications utilities in Oregon before state and federal agencies and state courts.

He has co-authored state legislation related to climate change and to electric utility restructuring and operations, including the electricity restructuring law in 1999, and the Oregon Renewable Energy Act and the Climate Change Integration Act, both of 2007, and more recently he has advised on additional state legislation concerning storage technology pilots and natural gas utility carbon reduction programs. He has served on numerous boards and is the Governor's appointee to the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Board of Directors.

Eisdorfer enjoyed his service as an adjunct professor of law between 2008 and 2012 at both the University of Oregon School of Law and the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, teaching classes on energy law and climate change law and policy. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and he received his law degree from the University of Oregon.