



## Austin Jensen

Associate

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**Austin assists large energy users and energy project developers on regulatory matters and complex utility rate proceedings.**

### PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources  
Public Utilities Regulation

### INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources  
Electric Power

### EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2019

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Senior Editor, *Denver Law Review*

University of Colorado, B.A., 2016

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

His practice is focused on the regulation of utilities and electric markets, energy development, and the nuances of administrative law and litigation. Austin's clients include energy consumer associations, individual energy consumers, energy developers, and entities subject to or threatened with regulatory oversight.

Austin provides counsel and advocacy on behalf of his clients in administrative proceedings in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and Nevada as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Before joining Holland & Hart, Austin was in-house counsel for a large telecommunications provider, and gained appellate experience serving in Justice Gabriel's Chambers of the Colorado Supreme Court. He draws from this experience to provide a personal understanding of the business pressures companies face when navigating legal and administrative challenges.

Austin is a part of the public utilities regulatory team and frequently works with [Thor Nelson](#), [Michelle King](#), [Fred Schmidt](#), [Abby Briggerman](#), [Nik Stoffel](#), [Austin Rueschhoff](#), and [Hannah Oakes](#).

### EXPERIENCE

Austin assists with a variety of public utilities and project development matters, including:

- Complaint proceedings
- Tariff issues
- Rate cases
- Rate-making principles
- Resource planning and project financing
- Demand side management
- Permitting
- Legislation and rulemaking
- Settlement and mediation
- Regulatory due diligence review of energy projects

- Public convenience applications

### **CLIENT RESULTS**

Part of team that obtained a substantial rate decrease for clients in Nevada while also securing \$120 million credit to Nevada Power Company ratepayers to help offset the economic pressures felt by businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Successfully achieved dismissal of a complaint proceeding that sought to force Colorado Public Utility Commission regulation upon the client. The client now has the certainty that its business will not be subject to the risk of regulatory oversight.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Energy Bar Association, Member, 2020-present
- Denver Bar Association, Member, 2019-present
- Colorado Bar Association, Member, 2018-present