

The Role of Federal Policy in New Mexico's Energy Transition

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Overview of federal role and opportunities for supporting a clean energy transition

Historical context of federal versus state and local roles in electricity regulation

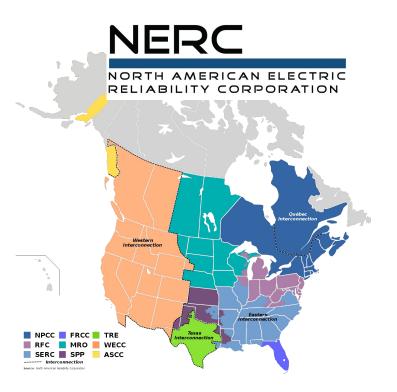
Legal intricacies of structures and relationships



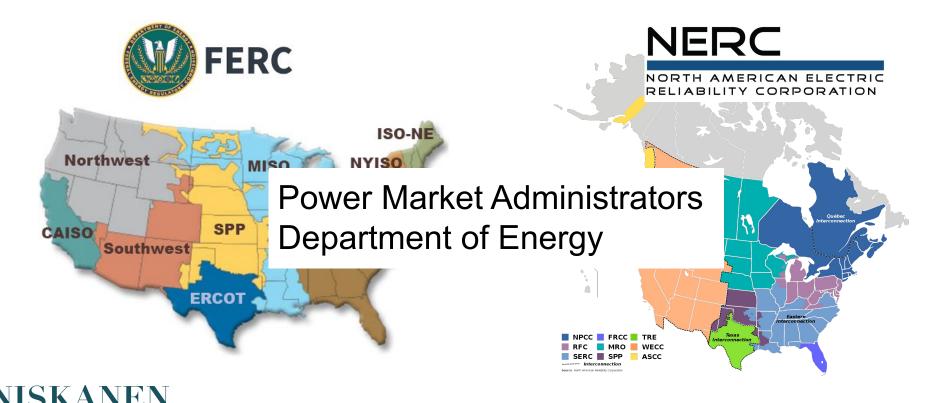
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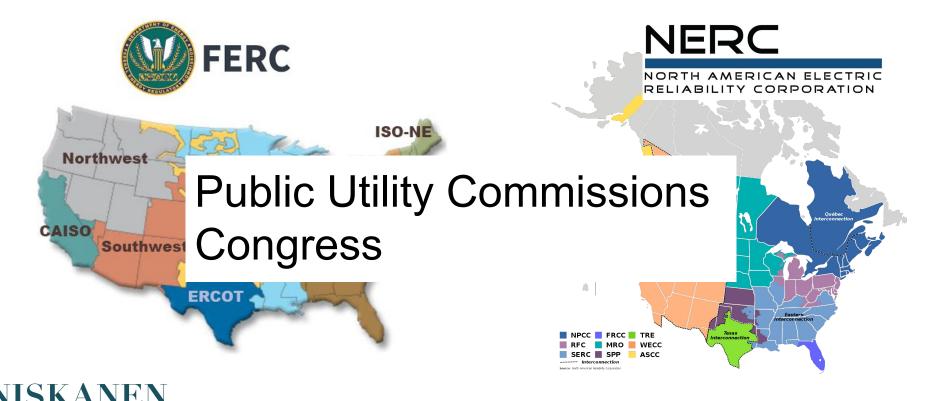
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FERC: Existing rules and ongoing discussions

FERC Order 2222

Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR)

Carbon pricing in markets

Interregional planning and cost allocation

Federal/State transmission commission



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...National Transmission Organization?



New Mexico is well positioned as a leader

Federal





State





Transitions are difficult: tensions at play

Consumer demand for renewable energy

Geographic diversity of resources

Salience of reliability and resilience in extreme weather conditions

Concerns over rising costs

Geographic displacement in expertise and investment

Developing technology





Proposal: Five facets of successful transition policies

Planning

Studies of current and future conditions including demand and generation, congestion, and other factors to identify priority areas for expansion

Permitting

Siting and various impact assessments required for permission to build the project at a given location

Process

Existing process is fragmented and different for each line. The scale of build out needs a transparent and consistent process for developers and investors

Paying

Financing through power purchase agreements, participation in power markets, or other structures

Participation

Inclusive, "smart from the start," sustained interaction should educate, build trust, and incorporate local input and community compensation



How Do We Build All that Clean Energy Infrastructure? Workshop report with Clean Air Task Force, July 2021

Thank You!

