

PREPARED TESTIMONY OF JAMES P. SPIERS

Statement of Qualifications

James P. Spiers
Senior Manager Energy Strategies
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts 1979
Mesa College, Grand Junction, Colorado

Juris Doctorate, 1981
University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

Registrations/Licenses:

Licensed to practice law in Colorado (011989)

Professional Experience:

8/08 –Present Senior Manager Energy Strategies, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Responsible for promotion and development of corporate strategic research and development programs, development and implementation of corporate integrated mission and plan, coordination and support of corporate strategic direction and product development.

11/06 – 8/08 Senior Manager, Member Services/Rates/Planning, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Responsible for managing Load Forecasting, Rates, and Member Services staff and for directing Corporate Planning and Research, Forecasting, Rates and Member Services and Energy Efficiency operations for Tri-State. Developed Local Renewable Program and restructured Energy Efficiency Program.

06/91 – 11/06 Consultant/Attorney, The JP Spiers Company

Responsible for providing consulting and legal practice working with distribution cooperatives and public power districts, Statewide Associations, Tri-State and NRECA. Also provided advisory services as an affiliate analyst for Gartner Research to utilities world-wide and worked with other utilities and energy consulting firms. Responsible for utility and infrastructure industry operations and planning, regulation, restructuring, technology assessment, business planning and strategy. Conducted workshops and web conferences for NRECA to work with more than 400 cooperative leaders on implementation of the PURPA Standards adopted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Developed and negotiated national uniform business practices for NRECA in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

11/86 – 06/91 Executive Secretary, Division Director, The Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Responsible for directing staff and counsel in implementing Commission policy, formulating policy options, advising Administration, legislative, industry and public on Commission policies and cases.
Manage staff of 90+ accountants, economists, engineers, lawyers, and technicians.

08/82 – 11/86 Researcher, The Colorado Department of Highways

Responsible for advising the Commission and Executive Staff on transportation regulation, budget, personnel and programmatic matters. Developed rules and regulations relative to urban mass transit, highway safety, hazardous materials, and small and disadvantaged business development. Advised on and developed procedures to police anticompetitive construction bidding activities.

Manage staff of 3 analysts.