OVERVIEW

The rising costs of retail electric power, carbon cost risk, and corporate sustainability initiatives have led many commercial, industrial, and public entities to focus aggressively on managing load and energy supply on their side of the utility electric meter. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati’s energy and infrastructure team is uniquely qualified to assist energy consumers and producers, project developers, and financiers with the development, contracting, financing, construction, and operation of projects related to behind-the-meter distributed generation, community solar, energy storage and management, energy efficiency equipment and services, and microgrids.

Unlike most other law firms, our approach to understanding the state and federal utility regulatory framework, as well as our advice on how to structure projects within this framework, is focused through the lens of renewable energy project development and finance. Rather, our central mission is to develop, finance, and construct renewable energy projects and surmount all intervening obstacles for the benefit of the projects' owners, their developers, and their customers. Our clients, be they project developers, off-take customers, energy technology providers, or underlying land or equipment owners, do not want long legal analyses of why something cannot be done or why a course of action might have risk—they want financeable solutions to their energy-related challenges. At Wilson Sonsini, we help our clients to:

- understand legal, regulatory, and transactional issues and risks;
- protect their commercial and legal interests; and
- find creative solutions that enable deals, projects, and financings to be completed efficiently and meet our clients' objectives, while remaining mindful of the needs of other involved parties such as interconnecting utilities.

Our energy and infrastructure practice encompasses the interrelated areas of renewable energy project development and finance, state and federal energy regulation (as applicable to both large commercial and industrial customers and project developers), and corporate sustainability initiatives. The close, collaborative relationships we have with our clients provide us with an unparalleled connection to the vanguard of the clean energy revolution, including emerging technologies, business models, financing techniques, and solutions to regulatory issues.