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EDUCATION:

Harvard Law School, JD, 1986
Cambridge, MA

Washington University, BA, *magna cum laude*, 1983
St. Louis, MO
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BAR ADMISSIONS:

District of Columbia

United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Ninth Circuits

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

**LEGAL
EXPERIENCE:**

Ms. Dowden has been in private practice with Spiegel & McDiarmid since her graduation from law school in 1986 and has been a partner since 1994. Her primary practice has been representing municipal electric systems and associations of such systems on energy issues before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and federal and state courts, and assisting them with power and transmission supply contracting. Ms. Dowden also practices environmental law and has provided compliance advice and counseling and regulatory representation for numerous municipal and utility clients.

**REPRESENTATIVE
CASES:**

Northern California Power Agency: Multiple cases litigated before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and Federal District Court on behalf of a group of municipal entities to enforce agreements and obtain viable and cost-effective transmission access from Pacific Gas & Electric Company. In addition to enforcing and supporting NCPA's existing contracts and arrangements, Ms. Dowden represents the agency at the FERC in a multitude of proceedings associated with the restructuring of the

electricity market in California. This work has helped to structure NCPA's relationships within these new paradigms and assisted in positioning NCPA in a viable and competitive manner for the future. She also provides advice on power supply and transmission contracts and strategies for securing transmission access.

Lafayette Utilities System, Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi, and Louisiana Energy and Power Authority: Litigation before the FERC and in Federal Appellate Court to establish reasonable rates for open-access transmission tariffs to be used by the client groups.

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority: Representation of NTUA in litigation before the FERC seeking rate reduction in existing transmission agreements and in obtaining reasonable rates, terms and conditions for open-access tariffs of Public Service Company of New Mexico, Arizona Public Service Company and Tucson Electric Power Company. Advises NTUA on power supply and transmission contracts.

Environmental: Ms. Dowden has represented various utility systems in connection with EPA environmental enforcement proceedings and the AMP-Ohio joint action agency and the Michigan Municipal Energy Agency in EPA administrative proceedings on clean air matters. In addition to representation before the agency, she has performed numerous environmental compliance assessments for confidential municipal utility clients across the country. She regularly counsels clients on environmental compliance and enforcement matters. She successfully argued for EPA's Municipal Solid Waste Settlement Policy on behalf of Defendant-Intervenor municipal organizations in the U.S. District Court, and also has conducted NEPA litigation in Federal District Court.

PUBLICATIONS:

Ms. Dowden co-authored *Market Power: Will We Know It When We See It?*, a white paper on the California electric restructuring experience for the American Public Power Association, with Robert C. McDiarmid and William S. Huang (December 2000).

She also co-authored *A Modest Proposal*, a discussion of the impact of the "second price" auction on bidding in the California markets, with Robert C. McDiarmid and Daniel I. Davidson. This article appeared in the January/February issue of the *Electricity Journal*.

Other publications include *Environmental Compliance: A Manual for Electric Utilities* for the American Public Power Association (1987, updated annually through 1998) and the *Municipal Environmental Compliance Manual* for Lewis Publishers (1995).

Ms. Dowden is a regular speaker for APPA and others on electric and environmental topics.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Energy Bar Association

American Bar Association