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# Dr. Celebi provides expertise in electricity markets, resource planning, and analysis of environmental and climate policy.

He has consulted primarily in the areas of electricity litigation and regulatory disputes, including on the economic viability of coal-fired and nuclear power plants, wholesale power pricing, and market design. Dr. Celebi has experience in developing and analyzing federal and state climate policies, environmental regulations, role of hydrogen to reduce economy-wide GHG emissions, LMP modeling, generation plant valuation, and transmission cost allocation.

Dr. Celebi has provided expert testimony in a number of cases, including ones estimating economic damages in energy contract disputes, assessing the impact of mandates to install emission control equipment on economic viability of a coal plant; economic viability of coal plants and recovery of undepreciated past investments; transmission cost allocation; a long-term power contract dispute in California; the impact of coal plant retirements on wholesale energy prices in MISO; causes of locational marginal price (LMP) spikes in PJM; and the allocation of ancillary services costs among market participants in ERCOT.

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Electricity Litigation & Regulatory Disputes
- Electricity Wholesale Markets & Planning

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Brattle Group (2000–Present)

Principal (2011–Present)
Senior Associate (2006–2011)
Associate (2000–2006)



London Economics, Inc. (1999–2000)

Associate

Boston College (1998–1999)

Teaching Fellow, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

#### **EDUCATION**

Boston College

PhD in Economics

Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)

MA in Economics

Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey)

BS in Industrial Engineering

Hebrew University

Summer School in Economic Theory on Auctions and Market Design

## **EXPERT TESTIMONY**

- Before the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, declaration on behalf of Environmental and Public Health Intervenors re: compliance requirements and flexibility to choose among compliance options under the EPA's Good Neighbor Plan for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (August 18, 2023).
- Before the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, declaration on behalf of Conservation
  Groups re: compliance requirements and flexibility to choose among compliance options
  under the EPA's Good Neighbor Plan for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality
  Standard (September 5, 2023).
- Before the District Court 165<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Harris County, Texas, prepared expert report on behalf of Peaker Power, LLC re: economic damages from the counterparty's violation of the Heat Rate Call Option contracts by exceeding the annual cap on exercise hours during Storm Uri in February 2021 (July 25, 2022).
- Before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, prepared answering testimony on behalf
  of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. re: the appropriate approach to
  determine the contract termination payment from a departing member (February 4, 2022,
  March 25, 2022).



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- Before the US District Court for the Western District of North Carolina Charlotte Division, direct and rebuttal expert reports on behalf of NTE Energy re: discounts provided by Duke Energy Progress (DEP) to City of Fayetteville in its wholesale power supply contract and the impacts on competition as well as on rates being charged to DEP's other wholesale and retail customers (January 14, 2022, February 18, 2022).
- Before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, prepared direct testimony on behalf of Wisconsin Power and Light Company re: appropriateness of WPL continuing to recover as a regulatory asset the undepreciated past investments at the Edgewater 5 coal unit after its proposed retirement in 2022 (May 27, 2021).
- Before the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, prepared direct testimony on behalf of Big Rivers Electric Corporation re: economic viability of Station Two coal plant (May 1, 2018).
- Before the United States District Court Eastern District of Missouri Eastern Division, expert report on behalf of Ameren Missouri re: impacts of proposed mandates to install emission control equipment at Rush Island coal plant on revenue requirements and economic viability of the plant, Case No. 4:11 CV77 RWS (April 23, 2018 and April 27, 2018).
- Before the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, expert report on behalf of Vieste SPE, LLC and Vieste Energy LLC re: projected long-term wholesale power prices in Arizona (January 30, 2017 and February 21, 2017).
- Before Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, prepared direct testimony on behalf of the California parties re: economic burden imposed by the prices in two long-term contracts that California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) signed with Shell and Iberdrola during the California energy crisis (May 19, 2015 and October 6, 2015).
- Before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, pre-filed rebuttal and sursurrebuttal
  testimony on behalf of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation re: the impacts of pending coal
  plant retirements and environmental retrofits on energy and capacity prices in the MISO
  region (December 14, 2012 and January 11, 2013).
- Before the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue, affidavit on behalf of Pepco Energy Services re: categorization of electricity as a tangible property versus a service for determining the eligibility of electricity sales for exemption from sales tax (July 15, 2011).
- Before the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. P 2008 2020257, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony on behalf of Pennsylvania Electric Company re: causes and



- pricing of transmission congestion in Wellsboro area in PJM (January 16, 2009 and March 10, 2009) (with P. Hanser).
- Before the Public Utilities Commission of Texas, Docket 33416, affidavit supporting Constellation New Energy's request for expedited hearing re: allocation of replacement reserve costs in ERCOT (November 8, 2006).



#### SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

#### **ENERGY LITIGATION AND REGULATION**

- For a coal producer, provided litigation support to estimate potential economic damages from an alleged breach in a long-term coal supply agreement.
- For the owner of two gas-fired peaking generation plants in Texas, provided expert testimony before the District Court 165<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Harris County, Texas regarding a dispute in a Heat Rate Call Option (HRCO) contract with Shell Energy North America. Estimated economic damages from the counterparty's violation of the HRCO contracts by exceeding the annual cap on exercise hours during Storm Uri in February 2021, and assessed the economic value of the cancelation clause in the HRCOs.
- For Calpine, managed a team of consultants to support expert testimony in a bankruptcy
  court regarding the ERCOT wholesale power prices during the February 2021 storm when
  the extreme weather conditions caused nearly half of Texas to lose power for several days.
  The testimony from a Brattle expert explained why the high power prices were consistent
  with the scarcity pricing mechanism and market design in ERCOT, and such prices reflected,
  or even understated, the value of loss load during the scarcity conditions.
- For NTE Energy, provided expert testimony on discounts provided by Duke Energy Progress (DEP) to City of Fayetteville in North Carolina in its long-term wholesale power supply contract, and the resulting impacts on wholesale competition as well as on rates being charged to DEP's other wholesale and retail customers.
- For Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), provided expert testimony before Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the appropriate economic principles to determine the contract termination payment from a departing member.
- For a generation owner in ERCOT region, managed a team of consultants to prepare an expert testimony and to provide economic litigation support in a bankruptcy proceeding regarding the real-time energy prices during the winter storm Uri in February 2021.
- For owner of a paper mill in Minnesota, provided economic litigation support in an arbitration dispute regarding the pricing terms of a steam supply contract with an electric utility that operated a cogeneration facility.



- For a co-owner of a nuclear power plant project in the Southeast US, evaluated the prudency of past decisions to start and continue construction until the project was eventually terminated. These investment decisions by the co-owners of the project were subject to multiple lawsuits regarding the appropriateness of recovering the past investment costs from the utility's customers. Brattle team evaluated the ranges of long-term outlooks on major market fundamentals and project costs as of the past decision points to assess the projected economics of continuing the project against options involving termination and replacement by other new resources.
- For owner of a coal plant in the Eastern US, developed an expert testimony in an arbitration
  proceeding regarding a force majeure claim for non-performance in supplying a predetermined volume of coal combustion byproducts under a long-term contract. Evaluated
  the drivers of the historical reductions in generation output and the accompanying
  byproducts, and the impacts of the drivers outside the control of the plant owner on the
  supply of byproducts under the contract.
- For Hydro-Québec Trans-Énergie (HQT), provided expert testimony before Québec Régie De l'énergie on the adequacy of the categories used by HQT to classify its transmission investments and HQT's treatment of transmission losses in transmission planning. Provided expert opinions before the regulator on the adequacy of HQT's investment categories in allocating the investment costs across different categories for multi-objective projects.
   Compared the HQT practices against those adopted by other system operators in the US and Canada.
- For investors in refined coal production facilities in the US, managed several consulting
  teams in supporting expert testimonies submitted before a US Tax Court on the economic
  rationale and requirements behind the refined coal production tax credit, and on the
  operational and environmental permitting risks for the investors of refined coal production
  facilities.
- In an international arbitration dispute involving a coal mine in South America, co-managed a team to support expert report on the economic damages associated with a change in royalty structure. The analysis included the impact of royalty terms on the incentives for increasing mine production and on royalty payments to the government, under base outlook and sensitivities for projected international coal prices, mine cost structure, and discount rates.



- In a coal bankruptcy case regarding the qualification of a coal supply contract under the safe harbor provisions in the US Bankruptcy Code, assisted an electric utility to evaluate the effectiveness of a long-term coal supply agreement as a hedge against regional fuel and power prices, including alternative coal prices and the more volatile prices of natural gas and wholesale power.
- In a large litigation case before FERC, provided testimony on the economic burden imposed by the prices in two long-term contracts that California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) signed with Shell and Iberdrola during the California energy crisis. Estimated the "down the line" economic burden by comparing the payments under the contracts to prices in comparable contracts and market prices after the end of the dysfunction. Assessed whether the contract prices could be explained by the expected future market fundamentals in the California power markets by using DAYZER market simulation software for the near-term and expected cost of installing and operating a new generation unit for the long-term.
- For estimating breach-of-contract damages, managed the team to support expert testimony in a high-profile international arbitration case. Brattle team built and ran simulation models to forecast power prices and GHG allowance prices in California and the rest of Western states through 2050, accounting for very short-term operational effects as well as long-term capacity expansion needs. The simulation models covered all of the states in the full Western Electricity Coordination Council (WECC) region to capture California's dependency on imports from other areas and changes in price and availability of these imports over time. The modeling team evaluated the impact of GHG policies, RPS policies, changes in load forecasts, changes in hydro conditions, and changes in natural gas prices over time on the power and GHG allowance prices. The simulation models were benchmarked against historical unit dispatch and near term power price forwards to replicate actual market operations and expectations. The Brattle team used the resulting range of power price forecasts under expected range of future market conditions to estimate damages, including an options framework to simulate plant operations and show the threshold conditions for economic shutdown.
- In a New Source Review (NSR) litigation case, analyzed whether the repairs conducted in several coal-fired generation plants should have been expected to result in significant increases in emissions of certain pollutants. The major disagreements were on the choice of baseline emissions and the level of expected impact from the repairs.



- In several NSR cases, estimated the amount of potential increases in emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx as a result of repairs and replacements of various equipment in coal-fired generation plants. The analyses focused on potential increases in emissions due to avoided outage hours or increased output due to improved relative efficiency of the plants compared to the rest of the generation facilities in the system.
- For a group of municipal electric utilities in Massachusetts buying energy from a generating
  facility under a long-term contract, assisted in evaluating their net benefits from requesting
  must-run operation of the facility relative to the operations chosen by the seller. The
  engagement also included a comparison of municipal utilities and investor-owned utilities
  with respect to their incentives under the Massachusetts Electric Restructuring Act to buy
  out their power purchase contracts.
- Helped a client in the western US in a litigation case involving allegations of market power and market dysfunction affecting the prices and other terms of various long-term electricity purchase and sale contracts.
- Managed multiple cases related to estimation of damages resulting from early termination of power contracts.

# **COAL PLANT ECONOMICS – VIABILITY, RETIREMENTS, AND MARKET IMPACTS**

- For environmental and clean energy groups, submitted declarations before the US Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Sixth Circuit regarding compliance requirements and flexibility to choose among compliance options under the EPA's Good Neighbor Plan (GNP Rule) for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.
- For Center for Applied Environmental Law and Policy, co-authored a report on the recent history of changes in the US coal generation fleet and explain factors contributing to the decrease in coal-fired generation capacity over the past 20 years. The report also summarizes the state of market fundamentals and regulations as of 2023 affecting the economics of coal plants in the US as well as their near- and medium-term outlook. Notably, the report explains that provisions in the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that increase the economic attractiveness of clean energy resources have prompted some coal plant owners to re-examine the options for their coal fleet.
- For Alliant Energy, co-authored a report to describe rail service issues observed in the US in 2022 and the impacts on coal use in the electric sector. During this period, acute logistical and capacity challenges in rail transportation have limited many coal shippers' ability to deliver critical inputs to electric utilities. More generally, rail service delivery issues were widespread throughout the country across many industries with shippers experiencing



- slower train speed, increased delays, poor on-time performance, and inability to satisfy demand for rail shipments.
- For Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), provided expert testimony before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin on the appropriateness of WPL continuing to recover as a regulatory asset the undepreciated past investments at the Edgewater 5 coal unit after its proposed retirement in 2022. Reviewed and analyzed the prudency of WPL's past decisions to make those investments its current proposal to retire the unit and replace it with new renewable resources. Explained that longstanding and economically well-justified principles and standards in the utility industry strongly indicate that prudent investments should be fully recoverable from customers, even if they eventually prove less economic than initially projected.
- For an electric utility operating in multiple states, reviewed the utility's draft internal
  planning studies for evaluating the future cost savings for its customers from early
  retirements of some coal units. Provided feedback on the reasonableness of the modeling
  approach and key assumptions of utility's internal modeling team, suggested potential
  improvements, and estimated the impacts of the suggested changes on the future cost
  savings from early retirements of the coal units.
- For Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), managed a team to evaluate the prudency of retiring San Juan Generation Station and replacing it with renewables and gas peakers, with securitization of remaining undepreciated and adjustment costs. Brattle helped PNM to demonstrate the prudency of PNM's proposed plan based on the findings that i) the expected cost savings and risk reductions of PNM's plan outweighed the option retrofitting the plant with carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS); and ii) securitization was a beneficial approach for providing full cost recovery at low cost to customers, as the state moves to fully clean electricity. The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ruled in favor of PNM, allowing the utility to abandon SJGS and to securitize up to \$360.1 million of unrecovered investments and adjustment costs.
- For Big Rivers Electric Corporation, a municipal electric utility in the MISO market region, provided expert testimony before the Kentucky state regulatory commission to evaluate the economic viability of an existing coal plant against the projected wholesale power prices in MISO. By using an in-house plant dispatch and commitment modeling tool, estimated the future annual capacity factor and variable costs of operating the plant, and compared the plant's avoidable future costs against the projected market prices of energy and capacity for the plant. Developed scenarios for future market prices by considering the key uncertainties



- such as natural gas prices and potential pricing of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Estimated the savings from a potential early retirement of the coal plant.
- For an investor-owned electric utility in the MISO market region, provided expert testimony before a US District Court to assess the potential for economic early retirement of a coal-fired plant under several scenarios including potential future requirements for retrofitting the plant with SO<sub>2</sub> emissions control equipment and future wholesale power market conditions. Estimated the likely impact of retrofits and early retirement on the utility's revenue requirements and retail rates.
- For an electric utility considering an early retirement for one of its coal plants, provided regulatory support to describe the changing economic viability of the existing coal plants in the US wholesale power markets over the last decade. Conducted research on regulatory decisions in various state jurisdictions on recovery of past investments at retiring generation plants, and explained the perverse incentives on retirement decisions that would be created by disallowing prudently incurred past investments.
- For a merchant generation company in PJM, assessed the potential impacts of coal plant retirements on future likely range of energy prices under key uncertainties for market fundamentals. In addition, the project team evaluated whether the recent price spikes under the extreme weather and system conditions can be repeated in the future with increasing reliance on gas-fired generation plants.
- For an electric utility in Wisconsin, provided expert testimony on the likely changes in
  energy and capacity prices as a result of projected coal plant retirements and
  environmental retrofits in the MISO region. The analysis included a transparent model to
  estimate the impacts of retirements and retrofits on the regional supply curve, and the
  impacts of nationwide coal retirements on natural gas prices. Reviewed the projected
  reserve margins in the MISO region with and without the coal retirements to evaluate the
  likely changes in capacity prices in the MISO region after 2016.
- Conducted a screening analysis of coal-fired units in the United States for a producer of biomass fuel that could be an alternative to burning coal in generating units in order to avoid or mitigate future compliance requirements with environmental regulations. The analysis compared the projected costs for each unit under the coal-fired operations (including the retrofit cost of environmental control equipment) against the costs under operations with the alternative fuel and the costs of replacement with a new gas-fired unit.
- For American Coal Ash Association, conducted annual surveys for the production and use of coal combustion residuals in the US. The Brattle team designed and implemented the



survey circulated to coal generation plant operators, and supplemented that information with Brattle's assessment of key market trends in the power industry. The results of the survey are published each year for consumption by energy and environmental agencies and industry analysts.

- For an investor, assessed the economic viability of selected merchant and regulated coal plants in the Midwest. The analysis focused on estimates of projected net revenues for merchant plants, and cost of continued operations of the regulated coal plants against replacement power costs. In addition, estimated the projected capacity factor and coal use by each plant under selected future gas and CO<sub>2</sub> price sensitivities.
- Managed a case regarding the estimation of cost and performance benchmarks for two coal-fired generation plants in the Eastern US. We assessed their performance and cost by comparing them with similar coal plants in the country with respect to various performance metrics (heat rate, availability, forced outage rate, etc.) and cost metrics (fuel cost, maintenance costs, capital expenditure). We identified strong and weak points, by using various definitions of total costs and key performance metrics, and we analyzed the tradeoff between good performance and high costs among peer group plants.

#### **RESOURCE PLANNING FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

- For an industry association, prepared a report on the potential role of clean hydrogen and other clean dispatchable resources in the future in a decarbonized electric system with high penetration of variable renewable energy resources. The report summarized the key findings and gaps in recent industry studies regarding the key attributes needed from clean dispatchable resources in such a system, including fast and sustained flexibility and ability to store energy across seasons. The report compared the effectiveness, availability and cost of clean hydrogen technologies against other clean dispatchable resources such as gas with carbon capture, small modular reactors, and long-duration storage.
- For Clean Power Suppliers Association, performed a detailed review of the Carbon Plan, which is Duke Energy's recent integrated resource plan study on alternative resource portfolios to achieve 70% reduction in Duke Energy's North Carolina CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 relative to its 2005 emissions. The Brattle team identified a number of modeling assumptions that made the comparison of costs across the portfolios flawed. The team replicated the Carbon Plan modeling results through its GridSIM capacity expansion and production cost modeling software and simulated additional alternative portfolios that would result in lower future costs for Duke's customers.



- For Cypress Creek Renewables, prepared an economic study to analyze the generation costs and emissions impacts of a future resource mix for Duke Energy that achieves the requirements outlined in North Carolina's House Bill 951 (H951) and minimizes additional development of natural gas capacity. The study concluded that by shifting its resource mix from coal and gas resources to renewable energy and battery storage, Duke Energy could achieve over 70% GHG emissions reductions by 2030 (relative to 2005 emissions) while lowering generation costs. The study also found that use of securitization to finance the recovery of undepreciated past investment costs at some of the retiring coal plants is a major driver of the customer cost savings in addition to the avoided fixed operating and ongoing capital expenditures from early retirements.
- For a large Midwest utility serving electric and gas, assessed current and likely future industry developments with potential to create opportunities and risks for the regulated and nonregulated operations of the company. The key developments included emerging EPA air quality, water and ash regulations for power plants, potential climate policies, macroeconomic recovery, and smart grid technologies. In addition, conducted a thorough comparison of the risks and cost of capital associated with regulated and unregulated businesses, including behind-the-meter renewable generation. Presented the findings of these assessments to the board of directors.
- Assisted a municipal electric utility in developing a least-cost strategy to comply with
  environmental regulations. Developed a screening tool to compare the economics of
  environmental retrofits against alternatives such as replacement with a new gas-fired
  combined cycle or relying on market purchases of energy and capacity to meet the retail
  load obligations. Presented the results of the economic analysis and potential hedging
  strategies to the executive management.
- Co-authored a chapter of a recent EPRI report on decision-making complexities and factors in utility resource planning and environmental compliance investment decisions. The chapter described how various metrics of cost and performance are used by power industry planners and executive decision makers, what some of the limitations of those metrics and modeling techniques are, and how this problem and modeling complexity may alter the type and timing of technology preferences. Some of the complexities are illustrated with a couple of examples on retire/retrofit choices for coal plants to comply with the environmental regulations and on decision-making for Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) investment under CO<sub>2</sub> price volatility.
- Assisted an electric utility in the Midwest in their resource planning. Developed environmental regulation scenarios with the executives and experts at the utility, and



assisted in modeling and reviewing the implications of regulatory and market scenarios on the least-cost strategy subject to meeting load, renewable energy standards, and capital constraints. The strategy options included retrofitting the coal-fired generation plants with necessary control equipment, retirement of coal-fired units and replacement with gas-fired units. Presented the results to the utility executives.

- Assisted an electric utility in developing an Integrated Resource Plan under potential climate policy scenarios. The plan was developed by reviewing and choosing the best mix of supply side alternatives and demand side programs that would achieve the joint objectives of minimizing cost and mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> footprint subject to meeting the utility's obligation to serve its customers. The supply side options included combinations of conventional generation technologies, renewables and low CO<sub>2</sub> fossil fired generation, and new transmission investment.
- For a large independent generation company, led a team to assess the reasonableness of the evaluation procedures and criteria used by an electric utility in the southern US in its RFP to acquire new generation assets and PPAs. The team reviewed the RFP requirements and the workpapers supporting the RFP results in a short period of time to identify the questionable assumptions and criteria used by the electric utility, and quantified the impacts of these on the relative costs of bids.
- For EPRI, analyzed and reviewed the major drivers of generation technology choice in various countries and regions around the world. Although the availability and degree of access to fuels is a common driver, other factors such as capital cost, attitude towards nuclear technology and renewables, constraints on carbon-intensive technologies, and degree of economic development play varying degrees of roles in the choice of generation fuels and technologies in each country.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE POLICIES – DESIGN AND IMPLICATIONS**

For a merchant generation owner in New England, managed a team to conduct an
economic study on the potential cost and emission impacts of making the existing clean
energy generators eligible under an expanded Clean Energy Standard (CES) program in
Massachusetts. Under the existing CES program, commercial operating date requirements
limit eligibility to clean energy generators commencing operation after 2010. The study
concluded that retaining existing clean generation that came online prior to 2010 under the
CES program would reduce GHG emissions in Massachusetts and New England, and would
reduce system production and customer costs.



- For a power industry association, co-authored a study to assess the carbon emission impacts of premature nuclear retirements. The study concluded that the vulnerability of some nuclear power plants to premature retirement could create a major threat to the attainment of desired CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. The analysis found that the retirement of a 1,000 megawatt nuclear plant could increase CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the range of 4.1 to 6.7 million tons per year, or 0.52-0.84 tons per MWh of nuclear generation lost, depending on the region in which the nuclear retirement occurs. In addition, the increased level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions arising from a premature nuclear retirement is not confined to the state in which the unit resides. In fact, in most cases the majority of this increase will occur outside the state, and a significant amount of the emissions increase will occur in states beyond those adjacent to the state experiencing the retirement.
- For an industry association, co-authored a study to analyze the potential implications for competitive wholesale electricity markets if new gas-fired combined cycle (CC) plants are not covered under the Clean Power Plan's (CPP) mass-based state implementation plans (SIPs). The authors found that if state implementation plans exclude new gas CC plants, the electric sector could fall short of the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) reduction goals set by the CPP, while incurring higher system costs per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided. In addition, Brattle simulations illustrated that excluding new gas CCs from the emissions cap would introduce a discrepancy in the economics facing new and existing gas CCs that are identical in all respects other than their in-service dates. New CCs would earn greater profits in the energy market because they would be compensated as if they were entirely non-emitting plants.
- For a power industry association, conducted analysis of the EPA's proposed rule for regulating CO<sub>2</sub> from existing sources under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, focusing on potential economic impact to hydropower. Summarized key aspects of the rule, and assessed how the compliance options for states could differ from the BSER options in setting the target rates, and how states can utilize hydropower (existing or new) as a compliance option under the rule.
- For a western electric utility, evaluated the EPA's development of CO<sub>2</sub> rate targets in
  Arizona and assessed the reasonableness of projected pace and level of emission
  reductions. Conducted a detailed assessment of the assumptions and modeling approach in
  EPA's IPM simulations, and identified areas of improvements. Prepared a whitepaper to
  summarize the findings to be filed as part of the utility's comments to the EPA.
- For an electric utility in the western US, conducted a study to assess reliability and supplychain implications of compliance with the EPA's Regional Haze Rule. Regional Haze Rule aims to reduce haze-forming pollution (primarily due to emissions of particulate matter and



its precursors SO<sub>2</sub> and NOX) that reduces visibility in parks and wilderness areas, especially in the western US. We assessed the impact of outages at coal units to tie-in the environmental retrofit equipment on available resources to meet the utility's load obligations in the future. In addition, we compared the historical retrofits on coal units in the region against projected retrofits to comply with Regional Haze Rule.

- Co-authored a study commissioned by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO), evaluated the feasibility of the large number of simultaneous environmental retrofits and new generation that may be needed for coal plants to comply with the EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rule. The study found that compliance with the MATS rule posed significant challenges. The study took into account the historical level of actual retrofits and new generation construction, typical timelines to complete various types of projects, potential bottlenecks in specialized types of labor, and the required planned outages in coal plants to install and test the environment control equipment.
- Co-authored studies that analyze the economics of retirement decisions for each coal plant operating in the United States under proposed and emerging EPA air quality and water regulations, taking into account the predicted profitability and cost of replacement power for both regulated and unregulated plants. The regulations were expected to force coal plants to decide between retiring versus installing expensive control equipment to reduce emissions of SO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, particulates, and hazardous air pollutants such as mercury, as well as cooling towers to reduce the use of cooling water.
- For a natural gas producer, analyzed the potential for change in natural gas demand as a
  result of the Waxman-Markey climate policy proposal. Using scenarios for new renewable
  capacity and price of natural gas relative to coal, analyzed effects of CO<sub>2</sub> prices on dispatch
  switching from coal-fired to gas-fired generation plants in various ISO regions, as well as on
  demand for gas in non-electric sectors.
- Assisted an electric utility in understanding the implications of the Waxman-Markey climate
  policy proposal on its renewable generation portfolio and its electricity sales to other
  regions. Our team identified opportunities and risks for specific renewable technologies due
  to provisions in the bill imposing renewable portfolio standards for electric utilities.
- For electric utility companies in the eastern US, analyzed the potential effects of existing
  and developing environmental legislation and regulation on the existing generation fleet.
  The assignment included reviewing and summarizing the regulations by pollutant,
  identifying the specific generation plants that these regulations could affect, and estimating
  economics of retirement for each plant under a regulatory scenario.



- Conducted screening analyses for electric utilities to assess their exposure to allowance costs in the near term and long term due to recent cap and trade climate policy proposals.
   Under alternative assumptions to comply with the regulations (from complete reliance on allowance purchases to reducing emissions to meet the economy-wide targets), estimated the potential cost of the policy net of free allowances under the proposal using various CO<sub>2</sub> price scenarios.
- For an electric utility, assisted in evaluating expected natural gas prices under potential CO<sub>2</sub> prices due to proposed federal climate policies in the US The analysis included modeling of changes in demand for natural gas in electric and non-electric sectors as a result of potential CO<sub>2</sub> prices, as well as feedback effects due to dispatch switching from coal-fired generation plants to gas-fired generation plants in electric sector.
- Helped a large energy company evaluate the implications of several climate policy options on US CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from electric and transportation sectors, and consumption and prices of electricity, natural gas, and coal. The analysis focused primarily on long-term implications for future generation capacity mix, and provided insights about the feedback effects between fuel prices, electricity prices, and electricity consumption.

#### WHOLESALE MARKET ANALYSIS AND ASSET VALUATION

- For MidContinent Independent System Operator (MISO), evaluated design options for the resource adequacy market to provide efficient signals to resource owners for making their resources available during hours when the system is at or near scarcity conditions. As a result of the increasing penetration of renewables in the MISO region as well as the increasing prevalence of common mode failures at fossil-fuel generation plants, MISO is evaluating design options with the understanding that critical resource adequacy periods will increasingly include periods outside the summer peak load hours. The Brattle team evaluated alternative mechanisms for accreditation of resources under a sub-annual resource adequacy construct and for MISO's modeling of planned and forced outages in determining planning reserve requirements, and compared these mechanisms against other RTOs' practices.
- For an asset management firm considering investing in a virtual trading company with operations in the US Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), performed due diligence analysis on the trading algorithm, profitability, achievable market size, and compliance with market monitoring rules.



- For a large electric utility in Canada, researched the industry practices on the wind integration service rates charged by balancing authorities in the US outside the organized wholesale power markets.
- For a group of market participants in Texas, managed a team to estimate the impacts of
  implementing marginal losses in the ERCOT market on system production costs,
  transmission losses, LMPs, load payments, and generator revenues. The Brattle team
  simulated the ERCOT power system using the PSO software, and calibrated the model to
  recent generation and load patterns. The study results were made public in a proceeding
  before the Texas Public Utility Commission.
- For a large group of generation owners and trade groups, conducted a study to estimate the above-market payments to certain merchant generation plants with 90-day fuel supply under the US DOE's proposed payments. While the DOE's rationale for the proposed payments was to improve the resilient operations of the power system, the study concluded that 1) there is no evidence supporting the premise that 90 days of on-site fuel at individual power generating plants would improve the resilience of the grid in the regions where the rule would apply, and that 2) implementing the proposed rule would undermine core market principles and diminish some of the most important advantages of competitive wholesale power markets.
- For a developer of biogas power plant, submitted expert testimony on outlook on projected long-term wholesale power prices in Arizona. Reviewed forward market prices for near term deliveries as of the execution date of a contract with the supplier of waste feedstock, and summarized the industry expectations for the timing of the need and cost to build new generation in the region.
- For a developer of solar PV generation plants, conducted research and analyses to identify
  potential opportunities for renewables to be offered to electric utilities as qualifying
  facilities (QFs) under the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). Summarized the
  states with the largest penetration of renewable QFs and most favorable contract/pricing
  terms, and presented the likely outlook on avoided cost rates by region.
- For an investment firm, evaluated the projected net margins from energy and capacity markets in the Northeast for a new gas-fired generation plant. Assessed the key market drivers and risk factors associated with the plant's future performance, and conducted analyses to assess the implications for the asset's market value.
- For an independent power producer, analyzed the market trends in California power markets and explored potential value drivers of the client's existing gas-fired combined-



cycle plant in California. The Brattle team simulated the long-term wholesale energy prices in the Southern California region, and developed a modeling tool to analyze the projected capacity payments for existing resources under the California's local resource adequacy construct.

- Assisted an electric utility in performing a valuation of a coal-fired unit. Managed the
  analysis to model the projected revenues from energy and capacity markets, as well as to
  project variable and fixed operating costs and environmental compliance costs in the
  future. Various market and regulatory scenarios are considered and presented to the client.
- For an investor, performed a valuation analysis of a potential new gas combustion turbine (CT) in Texas. Developed scenarios for future energy-only and capacity markets, estimated regional reserve margins under a few load growth scenarios. In addition to estimating annual energy margins using a virtual commitment and dispatch model, estimated the projected run-hours for the new CT.
- For an investor, co-authored a valuation analysis of a large gas-fired cogeneration facility in the Midwest. In addition to projecting energy and capacity prices in the region under the key uncertainties on gas prices, coal plant retirements, and renewable generation additions, the study analyzed the projected revenues under the existing long-term sale contracts to provide energy and steam.
- Co-lead of team to assist a municipal electric utility in the Midwest US to sell a portion of its share of energy and capacity from a new coal plant. The Brattle team acted as the sale advisor to design the sale process, solicit bids, prepare informational documents, and evaluate the bids.
- For a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) in the Midwest US, estimated the future
  costs and benefits from an electric utility joining that RTO as a member, compared to standalone and an alternative RTO membership. The analysis included impact on production cost
  savings, existing transmission constraints and interconnection capacities, wholesale trading
  activity, load diversity benefits, generation investment savings, and allocation of
  transmission costs and revenues.
- For a power plant developer, estimated the market potential for new wind, solar and gas
  peaking plants in the Eastern Interconnection. The Brattle team worked in close
  coordination with the client to develop and refine assumptions and scenarios on future fuel
  prices, capital costs of new plants, federal tax credits as well as federal climate policy.
  Economic potential for new generation alternatives was estimated by using Brattle's in-



- house simulation model Xpand, which optimizes plant dispatch as well as generation entry and retirements in order to meet future electric demand and reserve margin requirements.
- For an electric cooperative in the Midwest, conducted studies to evaluate the impact of planned new wind and gas combined-cycle units at alternative locations on the nodal energy prices and net revenues for generation fleet owned by the cooperative. Provided analytical support to assess likely allocations of auction revenue rights for hedging congestion.
- For a large merchant generation company in PJM, assessed the likely causes of high energy
  prices during the polar vortex events. Analyzed the impact of each driver on market prices,
  and conducted simulations to evaluate the likely market prices in the future under similar
  weather conditions and sensitivities for coal plant retirements, increased penetration of
  demand-resources, and expected gas prices.
- For a large coal company, assisted in designing and evaluating innovative coal supply
  contracts with power plants. The project team developed a customized tool to simulate the
  regional energy and capacity prices in the eastern power markets, and evaluated the
  profitability of various types of supply contracts from the perspective of the coal company
  and the power plant. In addition, the Brattle team identified coal-fired power plants that
  could be potential candidates to benefit from signing innovative coal supply contracts.
- For a group of electric utilities in the Midwest, led a team to assess the energy-related costs and benefits of joining an RTO. Using a nodal pricing simulation software, the team estimated the net costs to customers of the utilities with respect to energy, congestion, marginal losses, and allocation of financial transmission rights and loss refunds under each configuration (stand-alone and RTO membership).
- For clients in PJM, examined the variability of historical congestion patterns to help assess the reasonableness of the utilities' FTR/ARR acquisition strategies.
- Provided consulting services on the impact of moving into a Locational Marginal Price (LMP)
  market design for a client in WECC. In addition to quantifying the expected congestion cost
  exposure under LMP market design, examined the impacts of potential mitigating solutions
  on the cost exposure and on the client's ability to hedge these costs through acquisition of
  financial instruments.
- Estimated the economic benefits of a proposed power plant in California. The project included an analysis of benefits from reduced market-clearing prices, avoided/deferred transmission upgrades, and reliability improvements.



- For an independent power producer, assessed the competitive offer price for its planned gas-fired generation unit in the PJM capacity market. Under key scenarios reflecting uncertainty in market fundamentals and in reasonable modeling assumptions, estimated the net cost of new entry (Net CONE) for the generation plant using plant-specific cost and performance information supplemented by publicly available estimates for generic plants. The key modeling assumptions driving the range of results were the appropriate methodology to levelize overnight capital costs and the appropriate time period over which the costs of the generation plant would be recovered in the PJM markets.
- Assisted an energy company to understand the fundamentals of the PJM capacity markets
  to inform the company's bidding strategy in the capacity auctions. Conducted a training
  session to go over the auction clearing mechanism, simulation of the market-clearing prices
  and quantities and alternative methodologies to project future market supply curves.
- For an energy trading company in western US, assessed the CAISO's historical calculations
  of nodal energy prices at specific locations. The focus of the assessment was to understand
  the impact of modeling differences between day-ahead energy markets and annual
  Congestion Revenue Rights (CRRs) auctions on the nodal energy prices at those locations.
  The findings of this assessment were used to support a complaint at FERC.
- For a transmission owner in Canada, assessed whether the proposed procedures to coordinate the Available Transmission Capacity (ATC) on its interfaces with neighboring systems are consistent with the FERC requirements and the practices of US counterparts.
   ATC coordination is required under FERC Order 890 in order to ensure that ATCs are calculated in a consistent manner by transmission providers and transmission service is provided in a non-discriminatory manner.
- For a Regional Transmission Operator (RTO) in eastern US, assisted in the preparation two
  expert reports regarding an alleged manipulation of market credit rules through its trading
  activity in the FTR markets. The analysis involved a review of the trading activity and an
  assessment of risks assumed by the trader through a review of historical congestion prices.
- Submitted a rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony jointly before the Pennsylvania Public
   Utilities Commission on the causes of an episode of high locational marginal prices (LMPs)
   experienced by a small electric utility in PJM wholesale energy markets. Using data on
   potential causes of high congestion and detailed market simulation modeling, identified
   several causes including increased virtual bidding activity, reduced transmission capability,
   and changes to physical characteristics of certain transmission assets.



- For an electric utility considering joining an RTO, managed transmission flow analyses of generation and load deliverability, as well as LMP market simulations to assess the effects of the company's move on prices in its service territory.
- Co-authored a report reviewing the results and the performance of the ISO-NE Forward Capacity Market (FCM) auctions conducted for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 commitment periods.
- Submitted affidavit at the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) regarding a proposed rule to allocate costs of procuring replacement reserves to market participants in ERCOT.
- Analyzed the economic and network impacts of a utility signing renewable energy contracts
  with several potential renewable generation projects. Using market simulation tools such as
  MarketSymTM and PowerworldTM, simulated an entire reliability council to assess whether
  each of the potential renewable generation projects would cause additional transmission
  constraints, and estimated the impacts of these projects on LMPs across the region.
- Assisted an electric utility before the energy regulator in Quebec, Regie De l'Energie, involving third-party access to an electric transmission system owned and operated by another company.
- Assisted numerous clients in examining the potential for exercise of horizontal and vertical market power under FERC's market power tests as a result of asset acquisitions, mergers, and as part of periodical market-based rate (MBR) filings.
- Helped a client assess the potential liability and market impacts associated with offering the output of an out-of-service generation unit to the ISO-NE markets.
- Led the efforts to prepare a report assessing the implications of the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) filed by Midwest ISO on market efficiency and gaming opportunities.
- Contributed to Brattle's investigation of the California power crisis on issues involving
  physical or economic withholding and manipulative gaming strategies such as doubleselling, circular scheduling, wheel-out, simulation of real-time energy, and ancillary services
  markets.
- Estimated the potential for the exercise of market power in a load pocket in the northeast US power markets. The study simulated strategic behavior in order to assess the price risk for a distribution company due to congested transmission facilities.



#### **RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES – COST ESTIMATION AND RECOVERY**

- For an electric utility in the Western US, managed a team to support expert testimony before Oregon and Wyoming regulators with respect to the appropriate recovery mechanisms for fuel and purchased power costs. Demonstrated the historical persistency of under-recovery of such costs due to the inherent asymmetric nature of the difference between actual net purchased power costs and year-ahead deterministic forecasts. Compared the existing true-up methodology for that utility against the common industry practices across the US with respect to the use of variance deadbands, earnings tests and sharing arrangements between ratepayers and shareholders.
- For multiple clients including a university, several hospitals and a hotel and shopping complex in Pennsylvania, conducted economic due diligence studies on the potential cost savings from installing an on-site combined heat and power (CHP) facility that would offset the power and heating needs. Reviewed the key drivers of the potential cost savings including net metering revenues from excess generation output from the CHP plant, reduction in cost of purchasing grid power, and future market prices for power and fuels. Presented the findings to the executive teams and provided analytical support in contract negotiations.
- For an investor in distributed gas-fired generation assets in Texas, conducted a study on
  future savings in transmission and distribution service costs, and potential market
  penetration of distributed energy resources. The Brattle team reviewed key aspects of the
  wholesale market structure that directly impact the long term stability of the transmission
  tariff rate, and identified potential risks and mitigating factors associated with possible
  changes to the design of the market.
- For a retail electric provider in ERCOT, analyzed the costs and savings in its contract with a large customer to provide various services.
- In a merger involving two electric companies in the Eastern US, analyzed the impacts of the merger on competition in retail electricity markets. Both companies owned electric distribution companies, transmission assets, generation resources, and retail electricity providers in several states. The analysis involved assessment of whether the increased market share in wholesale energy markets affects retail competition, number of suppliers in retail electricity markets, ease of entry and exit to provide electricity to retail customers directly or through Default Service (DS) procurements, and potential for abusing affiliate relationships with the electric distribution company to favor the retail electricity provider affiliate.



- For an association of suite meter providers in Canada, analyzed whether the incumbent
  electric utility had been cross-subsidizing the provision of suite meters to its residential
  customers at the expense of its other customers. The analysis involved a comparison of the
  estimated fully-allocated costs of providing suite meters to the net revenues from these
  customers under the regulated retail rates under alternative assumptions on the costs of
  meters and types of suite meter installations.
- Prepared a marginal cost study for an integrated electric utility in the PJM region. The study
  estimated the incremental costs to the utility of serving additional demand and customers
  by time period, sub-region, and customer class.
- For a large electric customer of a utility in western US, assisted in evaluating the utility's
  proposed rate design. Specifically, provided an assessment of alternative methods to
  classify generation costs (as demand, energy, or customer related) and to allocate the fixed
  costs among customer classes. The analysis also included an assessment of the treatment of
  the costs and revenues associated with off system sales in determining the revenues to be
  recovered from various customer classes.
- For an electric customer in US, analyzed whether a proposed change in rates by the electric
  utility would result in just and reasonable rates for transmission level and station service
  customers. The resulting testimony assessed whether the proposed rates were consistent
  with fundamental principles of ratemaking such as cost causation and rate stability, and
  compared the proposed rate design to the rate options provided by utilities in other
  jurisdictions for transmission level and station service customers. The parties settled the
  case with reduced rates for the client based on the lower cost of serving transmission level
  customers relative to distribution level customers.
- For an electric utility planning to install smart meters and in-home displays in the eastern
  US, assisted in estimating the likely benefits to retail customers and to the utility. The
  quantified benefits to the utility company mostly came from reduced costs of meter reading
  and outage managements, whereas the customer benefits came from reduced costs of
  energy, capacity, and carbon emissions as a result of reduced peak load and annual energy
  consumption.
- Co-managed a case regarding a Texas electric utility company auctioning off its generation
  assets in order to determine its stranded costs. The project team assessed whether the
  market value of the utility's jointly-owned generation assets was depressed due to the
  rights of first refusal (ROFR) provisions attached to these assets, and whether the utility
  company failed to take commercially reasonable steps to mitigate its stranded costs.



 Helped a client analyze the cost of providing ancillary services (reserves, regulation, voltage support, etc.) from its hydroelectric generation facilities. The analysis required special emphasis to deal with the implications of separating cost of energy and ancillary services on the electricity rates of different customer types.

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- "Rail Delivery Disruptions in the US in 2022: An Overview of Scale and Extent," with Nicholas Powers, prepared for Alliant Energy. (March 30, 2023)
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- "Covering New Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Plants under the Clean Power Plan: Implications for Economic Efficiency and Wholesale Electricity Markets," with Judy Chang, Kathleen Spees, and Tony Lee (November 2016)
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- Contributing author for the Energy Bar Association Antitrust Committee's report on 2005
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- "FERC's Recent Ruling on PURPA: Variable Energy Rate Option," EUCI Online Conference (December 15, 2020)
- "PURPA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 2019," NRRI PURPA Perspectives Webinar (January 29, 2020)
- "PURPA Resurgence and Avoided Costs," EUCI Symposium (September 9, 2019)
- "Future of Coal: Clean Power Plan, Market Drivers, and Other Regulations," American Coal Ash Association's (ACAA) 2017 Winter Membership Meeting (January 25, 2017)
- "CO<sub>2</sub> Regulations and Coal," Energy Bar Association's (EBA) Energizer: Ongoing Climate Imperative (November 10, 2016)
- "Update on Clean Imperative and Sectoral Responses in the US Power Industry," with Robert S. Mudge, Susan Nickey, Allyson Umberger Browne, and Elias B. Hinckley, American Bar Association (ABA) Business Law Section's Annual Meeting (September 8, 2016)
- "The Clean Power Plan: Retirements and Reliability," Wisconsin Energy Institute 2015
   Energy Summit (October 2015)
- "The Clean Power Plan: Retirements and Reliability," with Michael Hagerty, Yingxia Yang, and Nicole Irwin, EUCI Conference (April 1, 2015)
- "Hydropower and the EPA Section 111(d) Proposal," with Marc Chupka and Kathleen Spees, National Hydropower Association (August 12, 2014)
- "Coal Plant Retirements and Market Impacts," Wärtsilä Flexible Power Symposium (February 5, 2014)
- "U.S. Coal Plant Retirements: Outlook and Implications," Coaltrans West Coast Conference (June 14, 2013)
- "U.S. Coal Plant Retirements: Outlook and Implications," West LegalEd Center CLE Webcast (January 24, 2013)
- "Environmental Retrofits: Costs and Supply Chain Constraints," MISO Annual Stakeholders' Meeting (June 2012)



- "Potential Coal Plant Retirements in U.S. and Impact on Gas Demand," CERI Conference (February 27, 2012)
- "Potential Coal Plant Retirements and Retrofits Under Emerging Environmental Regulations," Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) Annual Meeting (August 10, 2011)
- "Potential Coal Plant Retirements in ERCOT Under Emerging Environmental Regulations,"
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- "The Regulatory Landscape for Coal-Fired Power: EPA Rules and Implications," with Frank C.
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- "Marginal Cost Studies in Ratemaking and Implications of Federal Climate Policy,"
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- "CO<sub>2</sub> Price Volatility Delays Clean Generation Investment," Law Seminars International's Renewable Energy in New England Conference (June 25, 2009)
- "What to Expect from Electric Power and Transport Sectors in Response to U.S. Climate Policy," Rutgers University Center for Research in Regulated Industries (January 18, 2008)
- "Financial Transmission Rights: Necessary or Burdensome?" with Philip Q. Hanser, IAEE Conference (June 7, 2006)
- "Regulation of Transmission Investment and Reliability in Power Networks," METU
   International Conference in Economics V (September 2001)

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1999 Summer Dissertation Award, Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

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1991–1993 Scholarship, Yasar Holding Company



Tuition Scholarship and Stipend towards the completiton of BSc in Industrial 1988-1993 Engineering, Turkish Ministry of Education

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