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Ty Johnson counsels domestic and international energy clients in energy regulatory matters and in offshore wind development and permitting.

In his energy regulatory practice, Ty advises on the regulatory regimes administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the US Department of Energy, as well as other federal and state agencies. He represents energy marketers and transmission owners in matters involving compliance with the Federal Power Act, and he represents clients involved in regulatory litigation before FERC and in related appellate litigation. Ty works with clients on energy regulatory developments in the Northwest and the Western United States, with a focus on transmission and rate matters related to the Bonneville Power Administration and in related appellate proceedings. He is experienced with FERC's natural gas transportation regulations, including with tariff and certificate proceedings, compliance audits and enforcement proceedings. He has also advised clients on numerous aspects of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports and exports, including Department of Energy licensing and FERC certificate proceedings.

Ty advises offshore wind developers and investors regarding the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's leasing and permitting processes, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and related litigation. His offshore wind experience spans both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States.

As a former US naval officer operating submarine nuclear power plants and conducting ship-board operations, Ty brings uncommon technical experience to energy generation and transmission, and he leverages his naval managerial experience to lead clients through complex regulatory proceedings and litigation.

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Experience

Equinor

- \$1.1 billion sale of a 50 percent interest in two US offshore wind development projects to BP, including formation of a partnership to develop and operate the Empire Wind project offshore New York and Beacon Wind project offshore Massachusetts, which together could generate up to 4.4 GW

Foreign natural gas company

- development of a potential LNG export terminal in Canada, including advice on the Department of Energy's regulation of LNG exports when such project would export U.S.-sourced natural gas as LNG from Canada

Several customers of a major U.S. LNG export terminals

- Department of Energy's registration, reporting, and compliance obligations

Power marketers

- compliance with FERC's electric market-based rate program, including preparing applications for market-based rates, change in status filings, and triennial market power analyses

Transmission owners

- compliance with FERC's open access requirements for transmission service

Transmission developer

- regulatory aspects of developing a merchant electric transmission line

Power marketer

- rate case proceedings before the Bonneville Power Administration

Natural gas pipeline companies

- development of FERC regulated infrastructure projects

Crude and petroleum product pipeline company

- audits and reviews of the client's compliance with FERC's regulations under the Interstate Commerce Act

Crude and petroleum products pipelines

- jurisdictional analyses and advising on regulatory compliance

Credentials

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 2010, *cum laude*
- Yale University, B.S., 2000

Bar Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Washington

Recognition

The Legal 500 United States

- Energy Litigation: Electric Power, 2023 – 2024 (Next Generation Partner, 2023 – 2024)
- Energy Regulation: Electric Power, 2023 – 2024 (Next Generation Partner, 2023 – 2024)

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Energy Law, 2021 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *Washington Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2019 – 2021

Resources

California: Planning its Offshore Wind Future

Blog Post

Offshore Wind Litigation With Daniel Pope, Ty Johnson and Taylor Stuart

Podcast

New California Offshore Wind Legislation Addresses Procurement and Permitting

Blog Post

Order No. 1977: FERC Siting Permits for Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities – FERC Finalizes Backstop Transmission Siting Reforms

Blog Post

Order No. 1920: Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation – Landmark Order Substantively Expands Planning Obligations for Transmission Providers

Blog Post

California's Offshore Wind Strategy Is Coming Into Focus

Blog Post

Fifth Circuit Condemns Texas Transmission ROFR Law on Constitutional Grounds

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California Sets Ambitious Offshore Wind Planning Goals

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East Coast Turns Focus to Offshore Wind Transmission

Blog Post

BOEM Proposes to Modify its Offshore Renewable Energy Regulations

Update

Offshore Wind Litigation: Court Dismisses Challenge to BOEM's Process to Identify the New York Bight Lease Areas

Blog Post

CAISO Proposes \$9.2 Billion Transmission Plan, But Offshore Wind Transmission Projects Delayed

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Offshore Wind Litigation: Court Denies Challenge to Major Offshore Wind Project

Update

Endangered Species Act Developments: Court Finds Species Do Not Get The "Benefit Of The Doubt" & Agencies Propose Compensatory Mitigation Under ESA Section 7

Blog Post

FERC Finalizes Interconnection Queue Reforms

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Offshore Wind Litigation: Court Denies Fishing Groups' Challenge to Major Offshore Wind Project

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Offshore Wind Litigation: Court Declines to Halt Vineyard Wind Construction

Update

Offshore Wind Litigation: First Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Challenges Against Vineyard Wind

Update

California Confirms Strategy for Centralized Offshore Wind Procurement

Article

Vineyard Wind 1 Prevails Again in the First Circuit

Update

Publications & Speeches

- "Permitting in Federal and State Waters," Tulane Offshore Wind Conference: The Future for Offshore Wind in the Gulf and Nationally, January 31, 2025.
- "California Confirms Strategy for Centralized Offshore Wind Procurement," *Power Magazine*, September 10, 2024.
- "Building the Offshore Grid of the Future," ACORE Grid Forum, October 11, 2023.
- "California Unlocked - An update on offshore wind development goals set by California," Reuters US Offshore Wind 2022 Conference, July 11, 2022.
- "Costs, Finance, and Risks and Rewards," Resources for the Future Offshore Wind: Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Opportunities, December 2021.
- "FERC Audits," *Power Regulatory Webinar Series*, October 26, 2016.
- "US LNG Exports – Looking Back at the Regulatory Developments in 2015," *Oil & Gas Financial Journal*, February 2016.