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Jonathan has extensive experience in public utility, environmental, and administrative law. He has more than 30 years of experience practicing law in both the public and private sectors. Jonathan drafted legislation as a staff attorney for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and then assisted in performance audits of state agencies while on the legal staff of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. He subsequently joined a Harrisburg-area law firm where he counseled clients on complex transactions, including mergers, acquisitions and financings. He also litigated cases, including proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board.

Before joining Cozen O'Connor, Jonathan returned to state service and served as deputy director (legal) of the PUC's Office of Special Assistants, where he supervised attorneys drafting orders for the PUC. In that capacity, he worked on a wide variety of cases involving every regulated utility industry in Pennsylvania – water/wastewater, gas, electric, transportation, and telecommunications.

Since returning to private practice, Jonathan has advised large and small utilities, as well as municipalities and municipal authorities, on complex projects, transactions, and other matters. He also has advocated for clients before the PUC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records, other administrative tribunals, and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Jonathan earned his law degree from Duke University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from American University.

Experience

Mergers and Acquisitions

- Represented SteelRiver Infrastructure Fund North America LP in its \$4.25 billion sale of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC and Peoples Gas Company LLC to Aqua America, Inc. (now Essential Utilities, Inc.), including negotiation of regulatory provisions of the purchase and sale agreement and obtaining required regulatory approvals from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC Docket No. A-2018-3006061).
- Represented SUEZ Water Pennsylvania, Inc. in its acquisition of the assets of the Kensington Water Company, a public water utility in Franklin County, Pa. (PA PUC Docket Nos. A-2019-3012193 & A-2019-3012194).
- Represented Hercules Intermediate Holdings LLC in obtaining PA PUC approval of the transfer of control of Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P., from Buckeye Partners, L.P. to IFM Global Infrastructure Fund (PA PUC Docket No. A-2019-3011685).
- Represented Clearway Energy in its acquisition of the combined heat and power plant of Duquesne University, including negotiation of relevant agreements and obtaining a Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Chief Counsel Opinion that steam service from the plant would not be jurisdictional public utility service.

Practice Areas

- Utility & Energy

Industry Sectors

- Health Care & Life Sciences

Education

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1985
- American University, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

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- Represented Pennsylvania-American Water Company in its \$92 million fair market value rate base acquisition of the wastewater system of Exeter Township, Berks County, Pa. (PA PUC Docket No. A-2018-3004933).

Rate Cases

- Represented Hidden Valley Utility Services, L.P., in a case seeking PUC approval to raise water and wastewater rates for the first time in more than 13 years (PA PUC Docket Nos. R-2018-3001306 and 3001307).
- Represented the Borough of Indiana in a rate case seeking PUC approval to raise sewer rates for customers outside the Borough's boundaries (PA PUC Docket No. R-2018-3003141).
- Represented Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC in its successful challenge to Duquesne Light Company's attempt to increase its back-up service rate for combined heat and power projects by 220 percent (PA PUC Docket No. R-2108-3000124).

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Proceedings

- Represented Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC in its voluntary Energy Efficiency & Conservation Plan Proceeding (PA PUC Docket No. M-2017-2640306).

Miscellaneous PUC Proceedings

- Represented a council of governments in obtaining a declaratory order finding that its construction and operation of a community broadband network would not subject it to regulation as a public utility (PA PUC Docket No. P-2018-3006603).
- Represented Pennsylvania-American Water Company in seeking a declaratory order that the Company complied with applicable laws and regulations in its dealings with a land developer (PUC Docket No. P-2017-2621723).

Medical Marijuana Proceedings

- Represented Tri-Mountain Pure, LLC in its appeal of the Department of Health's denial of a grower/processor permit (DOH Docket No. MM 18-005 GP).

Office of Open Records Proceedings

- Represented Prime Wellness of Pennsylvania, LLC in contesting a Right to Know Law request for its application for a grower/processor permit (OOR Docket No. AP 2017-1667).

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