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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics Inc., Cambridge, MA.

Senior Consultant, July 2003 to Present

Consulting services to state public advocates, consumer advocates, environmental organizations, and utility regulators on regulatory policy, power supply procurement, electric industry restructuring, portfolio management, rate setting and rate design, economic impacts of efficiency and renewable generation programs, and other utility and energy topics. Expert witness services and litigation advice. Co-authored reports, journal articles and conference presentations on portfolio management, energy efficiency programs, and electric reliability.

Vermont Department of Public Service, Montpelier, VT.

Director for Regulated Utility Planning, 1986-2003

Preparation of long range policy plans in the areas of electric utilities, energy and telecommunications, including oversight of research, modeling, public input processes, policy analysis and writing. Development of policy positions and drafting of legislation and rules concerning utility resource planning, power supply acquisition, generation and transmission permitting, environmental costing, energy efficiency and alternative generation, utility restructuring and retail choice, distributed utility planning, rate setting and rate design, mergers, financing and acquisitions, decision analysis, power contract restructuring, Qualifying Facility contracts and permits, net metering, and other critical regulatory issues. Extensive expert testimony on those matters, as well as utility bankruptcy, prudence reviews, and critical utility policy matters. Extensive legislative testimony.

Planning Econometrician, 1981-1986

Energy demand forecasting, economic and demographic projections, economic and policy impact analysis, avoided cost estimates, and other quantitative analysis for utility and energy policy making. Development of State's basic policies regarding least cost planning and resource selection, including methods for evaluation of and program design for generation, transmission and demand-side options. Implementation of utility energy efficiency program requirements.

Vermont Agency of Human Services, Montpelier, VT.

Director of Planning, 1979-1981

Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Waterbury, VT.

Director of Planning and Evaluation, 1977-1979

Acting Deputy Commissioner, 1977

Vermont Department of Corrections, Montpelier, VT.

Director of Planning and Research, 1974-1977

Chief of Research and Statistics, 1973-1974