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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Maryland Department of the Environment Baltimore, MD Aug. 2023 – present
Senior Advisor

Tasked with developing the regulatory frameworks, and underlying analysis, for effectuating the nation leading, economy-wide, decarbonization commitments of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, as well as Governor Moore's commitment to 100% clean energy by 2035.

Tintagel Energy Solutions, LLC Waynesburg, PA Jul. 2022 – present
Principle

Providing strategic and technical advisory to non-profit and corporate clients addressing a broad range of energy, environment and utility issues.

Clean Air Task Force (CATF) Boston, MA Apr. 2020 – Jul. 2022
U.S. State Energy and Climate Policy Director

Worked to enact state and regional level deep decarbonization policies for the power, transportation, industrial, and building sectors. Contributed analysis and advocacy towards the enactment of clean energy and clean economy standards in Illinois, North Carolina and Maryland.

Served on the board of STRONGER (State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations) as well as on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's, Air Pollution Control Division, Midstream Steering Committee.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Harrisburg, PA Oct. 2015 – Apr. 2020
Vice Chairman, Commissioner

In addition to the statutory work of the Commission, focused on water quality assurance, pipeline and electric safety, utility rate decoupling, electricity wholesale market design, and nuclear generation policy. Authored the Commission's policy statement on low-and moderate-income ratepayer protections – considered the most significant protection for energy vulnerable customers in four decades – as well as the Commission's policy statement on rate modernization and alternative ratemaking methodologies.

Served as the Commission's designee on the Environmental Quality Board.

Served on the board and as Vice President of the Organization of PJM States, Inc.

Contributed to USAID engagements on regulatory capacity building, energy markets and energy access in the Balkans (most particularly Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina) as well as in West Africa (most particularly Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire).

Served on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Telecommunications and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment.

EQT Corporation Pittsburgh, PA Mar. 2011 – Sep. 2015
Corporate Director, Energy & Environmental Policy

Served as EQT's first Corporate Director for Energy & Environmental Policy. Focused on economic and environmental implications of unconventional natural gas development providing analysis and guidance to senior management, EQT's board and the public on environmental risks and mitigation. Provided public policy development and outlook, and non-governmental organization engagement.

Represented EQT during the development of a collaborative (trifurcated representation from regional foundations, environmental NGOs and industry) for setting standards to address and mitigate risks in unconventional gas development. This work led to consensus agreement on fifteen standards focused on addressing water, air and climate risks, as well as the founding of the Center for Responsible Shale Development (CRSD). Served as the interim executive director for the collaborative both to lead the development of the standards and to launch the Center in 2013.

Related work included leading EQT's conformance and certification to CRSD's standards; collaborating on a wastewater treatment and recycling standard for CRSD; and developing EQT's policy and mitigation of fugitive methane emissions.

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA Aug. 2014 – May 2016

Lecturer

Taught graduate capstone courses, particularly focused on international climate and low carbon energy policy.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Harrisburg, PA Aug. 2009 – Jan. 2011

Deputy Secretary – Office of Energy & Technology Deployment

Special Assistant to the Secretary for Energy and Climate Change

Headed the Office of Energy & Technology Deployment during a critical period for allocating, disbursing and managing \$387 million in federal, and Commonwealth-funds, totaling more than 5,600 projects and leveraging approximately \$2.6 billion in matching investment. Managed programs focused on energy efficiency; residential and commercial solar deployment; large scale wind projects; and support for the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and associated infrastructure.

Developed and advanced Commonwealth energy policy:

! Represented the Commonwealth in the development of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard model rule and associated economic and regulatory analysis for eleven Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

! Authored the Department's analysis of the lifecycle greenhouse gas contributions of natural gas and coal fired power generation.

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA May 2008 – Jul. 2009

Research Fellow – College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Public Policy

Research focused on characterizing disruptive technological innovation in fossil energy environmental control technologies, with particular emphasis on modeling CO₂ capture R&D (funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory).

United Nations Development Programme New York, NY May – Aug. 2007

Fellowship – Department of Energy & Environment

Analyzed and implemented program policies on equitable access, sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and climate change, with an emphasis on the impacts and challenges in the agricultural sector of equatorial countries.

Tintagel Farms, Inc. Waynesburg, PA 1988 – present

Founder/President

Developed a 210-acre diversified cattle, sheep and hay enterprise. Managed the farm with an emphasis on stewardship and conservation – including the planting of 5,500 trees as a forty-three-acre riparian buffer protecting thirteen springs and the farm's headwater stream.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA 2006 – 2008 M.S., Public Policy & Management, *with Highest Distinction*

University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA 2000 – 2002 B.S., Economics with a concentration in mathematics, *cum laude*

COMMUNITY SERVICE/PERSONAL

Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Run Silverton, CO 2014 – present *Aid Station Captain*

American Red Cross Pittsburgh, PA 2005 – 2009 *Disaster Services Volunteer*

Deployed twice for Hurricane Katrina (2005):

- Shelter Manager, Special Needs Infirmary, River Center shelter, Baton Rouge, LA: managed the care and shelter of residents with special needs in the weeks following the evacuation of New Orleans.
- Shelter Manager, Gulfport, MS: managed 28 staff in serving approximately 175 residents. Transformed the largest shelter in Mississippi into one of the smallest by addressing the housing, medical, educational, and occupational needs of the residents; these accomplishments were highlighted on the home page of the American Red Cross.

Avid mountain trail runner, birder and blue water sailor.

PAPERS, TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS

Maryland House of Delegates, Environment and Transportation Committee, comments and testimony regarding the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 (March 4, 2022)

Arizona Corporation Commission, comments and testimony regarding amendments to the Commission's Energy Rules. (February 13, 2021)

Joint motion, 2019 Amendments to Policy Statement on Customer Assistance Program, 52 Pa Code § 69.261-69.267 – *Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on Dockets M-2019-3012599, M-2017-2587711, M-2017-2596907 (December 19, 2019)*

Analysis of Pennsylvania Nuclear Plants and Available Policy Alternatives, white paper, Andrew Place, Vice Chairman, Eric Matheson, Haley Book, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (March 6, 2019)

Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Comments by Vice Chairman Place on Docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355*. (October 31, 2018)

Pennsylvania House Republican Policy Committee, testimony regarding electric reliability and resilience efforts involving PUC-regulated electric distribution companies. (August 9, 2018)

Distributed Energy Resource Aggregations in Regional Markets – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Comments and testimony by Vice Chairman Place on Docket No. RMI8-9-000*. (April 10, 2018, June 26, 2018)

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and Advanced Energy Management Alliance v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Comments by Vice Chairman Place on Docket Nos. EL17-32-000 and Docket Nos. EL17-36-000*. (April 4, 2018)

Pennsylvania House Republican Policy Committee, testified regarding pipeline safety. (July 17, 2018)

Electric Generating Units: Advance NOPR on State Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Comments by Vice Chairman Place on Docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0545-0001*. (February 26, 2018)

Pennsylvania House Consumer Affairs Committee, testified regarding House Bill 1782 which would allow flexibility in reviewing and approving alternative ratemaking and rate designs for natural gas and electric distribution companies. (November 20, 2017)

Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Reply Comments by Vice Chairman Place at Docket No. RM18-1-000*. (November 7, 2017)

State Policies and Wholesale Markets Operated by ISO New England Inc., New York ISO Inc., and PJM Interconnection LLC – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Post-Technical Conference, Comments by Vice Chairman Place on Docket No. AD17-11-000*. (June 22, 2017)

State Policies and Wholesale Markets Operated by ISO New England Inc., New York ISO Inc., and PJM Interconnection LLC – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Vice Chairman Place testified on Docket No. AD17-11-000*. (May 1 and 2, 2017)

State Policies and Wholesale Markets Operated by ISO New England Inc., New York ISO Inc., and PJM Interconnection LLC – *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Pre-Technical Conference, Statement by Vice Chairman Place on Docket No. AD17-11-000*. (April 25, 2017)