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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics Inc., Cambridge, MA. *Principal Associate*, April 2019 – present, *Senior Associate*, 2013 – 2019, *Associate*, 2010 – 2013, *Research Associate*, 2008 – 2010.

Provides consulting services and expert analysis on a wide range of issues relating to the electricity and natural gas sectors including: integrated resource planning; federal and state clean air policies; emissions from electricity generation; electric system dispatch; and environmental compliance technologies, strategies, and costs. Uses optimization and electricity dispatch models, including Strategist, PLEXOS, EnCompass, PROMOD, and PROSYM/Market Analytics to conduct analyses of utility service territories and regional energy markets.

Analysis Group, Inc., Boston, MA.

Associate, 2007 – 2008, *Senior Analyst Intern*, 2006 – 2007.

Provided litigation support and performed data analysis on various topics in the electric sector, including tradeable emissions permitting, coal production and contractual royalties, and utility financing and rate structures. Contributed to policy research, reports, and presentations relating to domestic and international cap-and-trade systems and linkage of international tradeable permit systems. Managed analysts' work processes and evaluated work products.

Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, New Haven, CT. *Research Assistant*, 2005 – 2007.

Gathered and managed data for the Environmental Performance Index, presented at the 2006 World Economic Forum. Interpreted statistical output, wrote critical analyses of results, and edited report drafts. Member of the team that produced *Green to Gold*, an award-winning book on corporate environmental management and strategy. Managed data, conducted research, and implemented marketing strategy.

Marsh Risk and Insurance Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA. *Risk Analyst*, Casualty Department, 2003 – 2005.

Evaluated Fortune 500 clients' risk management programs/requirements and formulated strategic plans and recommendations for customized risk solutions. Supported the placement of $2 million in insurance premiums in the first year and $3 million in the second year. Utilized quantitative models to create loss forecasts, cash flow analyses and benchmarking reports. Completed a year-long Graduate Training Program in risk management; ranked #1 in the western region of the US and shared #1 national ranking in a class of 200 young professionals.

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EDUCATION

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT
Master of Environmental Management, concentration in Law, Economics, and Policy with a focus on energy issues and markets, 2007

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California
Bachelor of Arts in Environment, Economics, Politics (EEP), 2003. *Cum laude* and EEP departmental honors.

School for International Training, Quito, Ecuador
Semester abroad studying Comparative Ecology. Microfinance Intern – Viviendas del Hogar de Cristo in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Spring 2002.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Microsoft Office Suite, Lexis-Nexis, Platts Energy Database, Strategist, PROMOD, PROSYM/Market Analytics, EnCompass, and PLEXOS, some SAS and STATA.
- Competent in oral and written Spanish.
- Hold the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) professional designation.

PUBLICATIONS

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Wilson, R., D. Bhandari. 2019. *The Least-Cost Resource Plan for Santee Cooper: A Path to Meet Santee Cooper's Customer Electricity Needs at the Lowest Cost and Risk.* Synapse Energy Economics for the Sierra Club, Southern Environmental Law Center, and Coastal Conservation League.

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Camp, E., B. Fagan, J. Frost, D. Glick, A. Hopkins, A. Napoleon, N. Peluso, K. Takahashi, D. White, R. Wilson, T. Woolf. 2018. *Phase 1 Findings on Muskrat Falls Project Rate Mitigation.* Synapse Energy Economics for Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Allison, A., R. Wilson, D. Glick, J. Frost. 2018. *Comments on South Africa 2018 Integrated Resource Plan.* Synapse Energy Economics for Centre for Environmental Rights.

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Whited, M., A. Allison, R. Wilson. 2018. *Driving Transportation Electrification Forward in New York: Considerations for Effective Transportation Electrification Rate Design*. Synapse Energy Economics on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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Wilson, R., T. Comings, E. A. Stanton. 2015. *Analysis of the Tongue River Railroad Draft Environmental Impact Statement.* Synapse Energy Economics for Sierra Club and Earthjustice.

Wilson, R., M. Whited, S. Jackson, B. Biewald, E. A. Stanton. 2015. *Best Practices in Planning for Clean Power Plan Compliance.* Synapse Energy Economics for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

Luckow, P., E. A. Stanton, S. Fields, B. Biewald, S. Jackson, J. Fisher, R. Wilson. 2015. *2015 Carbon Dioxide Price Forecast.* Synapse Energy Economics.

Stanton, E. A., P. Knight, J. Daniel, B. Fagan, D. Hurley, J. Kallay, E. Karaca, G. Keith, E. Malone, W. Ong, P. Peterson, L. Silvestrini, K. Takahashi, R. Wilson. 2015. *Massachusetts Low Gas Demand Analysis: Final Report.* Synapse Energy Economics for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Fagan, B., R. Wilson, D. White, T. Woolf. 2014. *Filing to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on Nova Scotia Power's October 15, 2014 Integrated Resource Plan: Key Planning Observations and Action Plan Elements.* Synapse Energy Economics for the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Wilson, R., B. Biewald, D. White. 2014. *Review of BC Hydro's Alternatives Assessment Methodology*. Synapse Energy Economics for BC Hydro.

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Johnston, L., R. Wilson. 2012. *Strategies for Decarbonizing Electric Power Supply.* Synapse Energy Economics for Regulatory Assistance Project, Global Power Best Practice Series, Paper #6.

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Wilson, R. 2011. *Comments Regarding MidAmerican Energy Company Filing on Coal-Fired Generation in Iowa*. Synapse Energy Economics for the Iowa Office of the Consumer Advocate.

Hausman, E., T. Comings, R. Wilson, and D. White. 2011. *Electricity Scenario Analysis for the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan 2011*. Synapse Energy Economics for Vermont Department of Public Service.

Hornby, R., P. Chernick, C. Swanson, D. White, J. Gifford, M. Chang, N. Hughes, M. Wittenstein, R. Wilson, B. Biewald. 2011. *Avoided Energy Supply Costs in New England: 2011 Report*. Synapse Energy Economics for Avoided-Energy-Supply-Component (AESC) Study Group.

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Fisher, J., C. James, L. Johnston, D. Schlissel, R. Wilson. 2009. *Energy Future: A Green Alternative for Michigan*. Synapse Energy Economics for Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Energy Foundation.

Schlissel, D., R. Wilson, L. Johnston, D. White. 2009. *An Assessment of Santee Cooper's 2008 Resource Planning*. Synapse Energy Economics for Rockefeller Family Fund.

Schlissel, D., A. Smith, R. Wilson. 2008. *Coal-Fired Power Plant Construction Costs*. Synapse Energy Economics.

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North Carolina Utilities Commission (Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219): Direct testimony of Rachel Wilson examining the economics of the coal units owned by Duke Energy Progress as part of the rate case. On behalf of the Sierra Club. April 13, 2020.

North Carolina Utilities Commission (Docket No. E-2, SUB 1219): Direct testimony of Rachel Wilson examining the economics of the coal units owned by Duke Energy Carolinas as part of the rate case. On behalf of the Sierra Club. February 25, 2020.

Alabama Public Service Commission (Docket No. 32953): Direct testimony of Rachel Wilson regarding Alabama Power Company's petition for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. On behalf of the Sierra Club. December 4, 2019.

Georgia Public Service Commission (Docket No. 42516): Direct testimony of Rachel Wilson regarding coal ash spending in Georgia Power's 2019 Rate Case. On behalf of the Sierra Club. October 17, 2019.

Mississippi Public Service Commission (Docket No. 2019-UA-116): Direct testimony of Rachel Wilson regarding Mississippi Power Company's petition to the Mississippi Public Service Commission for a Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity for ratepayer-funded investments required to meet Coal Combustion Residuals regulations at the Victor J. Daniel Electric Generating Facility. On behalf of the Sierra Club. October 16, 2019.

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Dockets UE-170485 & UG-170486): Response testimony regarding Avista Corporation's production cost modeling. On behalf of Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office. October 27, 2017.

Texas Public Utilities Commission (SOAH Docket No. 473-17-1764, PUC Docket No. 46449): Cross-rebuttal testimony evaluating Southwestern Electric Power Company's application for authority to change rates to recover the costs of investments in pollution control equipment. On behalf of Sierra Club and Dr. Lawrence Brough. May 19, 2017.

Texas Public Utilities Commission (SOAH Docket No. 473-17-1764, PUC Docket No. 46449): Direct testimony evaluating Southwestern Electric Power Company's application for authority to change rates to recover the costs of investments in pollution control equipment. On behalf of Sierra Club and Dr. Lawrence Brough. April 25, 2017.

Virginia State Corporation Commission (Case No. PUE-2015-00075): Direct testimony evaluating the petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company to construct and operate the Greensville County Power Station and to increase electric rates to recover the cost of the project. On behalf of Environmental Respondents. November 5, 2015.

Missouri Public Service Commission (Case No. ER-2014-0370): Direct and surrebuttal testimony evaluating the prudence of environmental retrofits at Kansas City Power & Light Company's La Cygne Generating Station. On behalf of Sierra Club. April 2, 2015 and June 5, 2015.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission (Cause No. PUD 201400229): Direct testimony evaluating the modeling of Oklahoma Gas & Electric supporting its request for approval and cost recovery of a Clean Air Act compliance plan and Mustang modernization, and presenting results of independent Gentrader modeling analysis. On behalf of Sierra Club. December 16, 2014.

Michigan Public Service Commission (Case No. U-17087): Direct testimony before the Commission discussing Strategist modeling relating to the application of Consumers Energy Company for the authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity. On behalf of the Michigan Environmental Council and Natural Resources Defense Council. February 21, 2013.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Cause No. 44217): Direct testimony before the Commission discussing PROSYM/Market Analytics modeling relating to the application of Duke Energy Indiana for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. On behalf of Citizens Action Coalition, Sierra Club, Save the Valley, and Valley Watch. November 29, 2012.

Kentucky Public Service Commission (Case No. 2012-00063): Direct testimony before the Commission discussing upcoming environmental regulations and electric system modeling relating to the application

of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for approval of its 2012 environmental compliance plan. On behalf of Sierra Club. July 23, 2012.

Kentucky Public Service Commission (Case No. 2011-00401): Direct testimony before the Commission discussing STRATEGIST modeling relating to the application of Kentucky Power Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for approval of its 2011 environmental compliance plan and amended environmental cost recovery surcharge. On behalf of Sierra Club. March 12, 2012.

Kentucky Public Service Commission (Case No. 2011-00161 and Case No. 2011-00162): Direct testimony before the Commission discussing STRATEGIST modeling relating to the applications of Kentucky Utilities Company, and Louisville Gas and Electric Company for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and approval of its 2011 compliance plan for recovery by environmental surcharge. On behalf of Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). September 16, 2011.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22094-2 and MPUC Docket No. E-017/M-10-1082): Rebuttal testimony before the Commission describing STRATEGIST modeling performed in the docket considering Otter Tail Power's application for an Advanced Determination of Prudence for BART retrofits at its Big Stone plant. On behalf of Izaak Walton League of America, Fresh Energy, Sierra Club, and Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. September 7, 2011.

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