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Eimer Stahl LLP

Ronit C. Barrett is a partner at Eimer Stahl. She focuses her practice on utility regulatory matters including traditional and formula ratemaking, rule-making, and audit proceedings before the Commission, as well as state and federal court litigation related to these issues. Before joining Eimer Stahl, Ronit was an associate with the San Diego office of Gray Cary, now known as DLA Piper. She received her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1999, and received an undergraduate degree with high honors, the Academic Excellence Award, and distinction in the major from the University of California Santa Barbara in 1996.

Mark R. Johnson was a partner at Eimer Stahl. His practice focuses principally on matters involving utility regulation and restructuring, and he has been recognized by *Chambers & Partners (2010-2014)* as a leading Energy & Natural Resources attorney in Illinois. His focus includes traditional and formula ratemaking, smart grid, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean coal, energy procurement, utility restructuring and competitive market development, and financing. He also provides counsel regarding the preparation, implementation and interpretation of legislation related to these issues. Before joining Eimer Stahl, Mark was an associate with the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP. He graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2002 and received an undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Wheaton College in 1999.

Vanessa D. McClinton is a staff attorney at Eimer Stahl. In addition to her commercial litigation practice, she has experience in matters relating to utility regulation, including rate setting and utility audits. Before joining Eimer Stahl, Vanessa served as consultant to the Fuse³ Group, LLC where she assisted in planning retention-focused workshops for women and minority associates in large law firms. From 1999 to 2001, Vanessa was an associate with the Chicago office of Sidley & Austin. She also served as a judicial law clerk for U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor from 1998 to 1999. Vanessa graduated from the Northwestern University School of Law in 1998, where she was a recipient of the Ronald Kennedy Scholarship. In 1995, she received her undergraduate degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan.

Judy M. Lane is a paralegal at Eimer Stahl. She has almost nine (9) years of paralegal experience, most of that focused on utility regulatory work. In 2003, she received a certification with honors from the American Bar Association-approved and accredited Institute for Paralegal Studies at Loyola University Chicago, as well as an undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* in Criminal Justice from Saint Xavier University.

Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP

John E. Rooney is a founding partner of Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. His practice for more than twenty-five years has focused on the electric and gas industry and he has for more than eighteen years represented clients in regulatory and strategic matters and in

litigation of those matters before agencies and in trial and appellate courts. In recent years, his work has included bundled and delivery rate design and revenue proceedings under both test year and formula rates, including both general and tariff-specific proceedings, commission approvals of corporate reorganizations, wholesale energy supply and demand procurement, and siting and licensing of new facilities. He has been recognized as a leading energy lawyer in Illinois by *Chambers USA – America’s Leading Business Lawyers* consecutively since 2003. He graduated from The John Marshall Law School in 1988, where he was a member of the Law Review. He served as an Administrative Law Judge at the Illinois Commerce Commission for eight (8) years, five (5) of those as Chief Administrative Law Judge. He formerly was a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP before forming Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP in March of 2010.

E. Glenn Rippie is a founding partner of Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. For more than twenty-five years, he has focused on representing electric and gas industry clients in regulatory and strategic matters, and in litigation of those matters before agencies and in the trial and appellate courts. In recent years, his work has included bundled and delivery rate design and revenue proceedings under both test year and formula rates; the purchase, sale, and finance of utilities and utility assets; siting and licensing new facilities; electric and gas supply procurement and prudence; development, implementation, approval, and review of price responsive rates and advanced technology programs; and service reliability and operational performance investigations. He has been named a #1-rated energy lawyer in Illinois by Chambers

USA – America’s Leading Business Lawyers for ten (10) straight years. He is cited by The Best Lawyers in America® and the Illinois Leading Lawyers Network® for his work in energy and administrative law, and has been selected in 2005, 2007 – 2010 and 2013 - present as an Illinois Super Lawyers® for energy work. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1985, where he was a Coker Fellow. He was a partner at Hopkins & Sutter and Foley & Lardner LLP before forming Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP in March of 2010.

John P. Ratnaswamy is a founding partner of Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. He has over twenty-five years of experience in representing electric and gas industry clients in regulatory and strategic matters and in litigation of those matters before agencies and in trial and appellate courts. In recent years, his work has included a wide variety of matters from public utility requests for rate increases to regulatory reconciliations and audits to electric market restructuring to wholesale and retail energy sales. He has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top Energy & Natural Resources attorneys in the state of Illinois consecutively since 2007. He was also selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® every year since 2010, including as the Chicago Energy Lawyer of the year in 2014, and by Illinois Super Lawyers® in over ten years including every year since 2010 in the field of energy law. He has published articles on a number of subjects, such as the inter-relationship of federal bankruptcy and energy regulation statutes, and over 50 columns on legal ethics subjects. He graduated from Northwestern University School of Law in 1985, *cum laude*, and has served there as Adjunct Professor of Legal Ethics since 1996. Mr. Ratnaswamy clerked for

the late Honorable Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ratnaswamy has served as a member of the ABA House of Delegates (1998-2006), the ABA Standing Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession (2009-2012), and the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility (2003-2006), and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee of the ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division. He was a partner at Hopkins & Sutter and Foley & Lardner LLP before forming Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP in March of 2010.

Carmen L. Fosco is a partner with Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. He has over 19 years of experience litigating complex regulatory, operational, commercial, and energy litigation matters before agencies and in trial and appellate courts, while practicing law for 31 years. In recent years, his work representing gas and electric industry clients has included public utility requests for rate increases under both test year and formula rates; electric supply procurement and prudence; siting and licensing new facilities; rulemakings; market restructuring, and wholesale and retail energy sales. He has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top Energy & Natural Resources attorneys in the State of Illinois from 2013-2015. Before joining Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy, Mr. Fosco spent more than 14 years with the Illinois Commerce Commission. He graduated from DePaul University College of Law in 1983.

Maris J. Jager is an associate at Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. She has served as counsel in natural gas, water, and electric regulatory proceedings, including natural gas, water and electric utility rate litigation, proceedings related to an electric utility's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Plan filings and Smart Grid deployment and applications, cost and revenue reconciliations, utility tariffs, rulemakings, energy efficiency programs, and whistleblower litigation. She has also counseled clients in complex litigation matters, including commodities trading and regulation, complex contract disputes, fraud and antitrust law. Ms. Jager co-authors a quarterly column addressing regulatory updates for the Midwest Energy Association, and was selected for inclusion in the Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars for 2016 in the areas of utilities and energy law. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Jager served as a litigation associate in the Chicago office of a Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP. Ms. Jager received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2010.

Ashley Devon Nash is a paralegal at Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. She has over eight (8) years of experience as a paralegal and is a member of the Illinois Paralegal Association. She received a certification with honors from the American Bar Association - approved Paralegal Studies Program at Roosevelt University in 2008. Ashley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arizona in 2006, where she served as a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Mona Gava is a paralegal at Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP. She received a

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from DePaul University in Chicago. In 2014, she received a certification with honors from the American Bar Association-approved and accredited Institute for Paralegal Studies at Loyola University Chicago. She is a member of the *Lambda Epsilon Chi* (LEX), a national academic honor society for paralegals. She joined the firm in 2014.

Jenner & Block LLP

Matthew E. Price is a partner at Jenner & Block LLP. He litigates and advises on complex issues of administrative and constitutional law, including complex issues arising in the area of energy law and public utility regulation. He has litigated and advised clients concerning federal preemption issues arising in the electricity industry, and he has handled numerous electric ratemaking appeals. Mr. Price clerked for Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court, and for Judge Michael Boudin of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2006.