

Education

- ◆ M.A. Economics
Candidate, University of
Utah, Salt Lake City
- ◆ B.A. Economics,
Westminster College, Salt
Lake City

Expertise

- ◆ Economic Analysis
- ◆ Utility Rate Models and
Analysis

Recent Selected Projects

- ◆ *Utah and Wyoming -
PacifiCorp Rate Increase
Applications*

OLIWIA SMITH

Consultant



Ms. Smith joined Energy Strategies in 2008. Her project engagements focus primarily on supporting the firm's regulatory practice area. Ms. Smith began her career in the utility regulatory field in 2001 at the Utah Department of Commerce. There, she remained on the staff of the Committee of Consumer Services as a Utility Analyst until 2005. In that capacity, Ms. Smith was responsible for conducting economic analysis and providing policy recommendations on multiple matters pertaining to rate regulation. She managed a number of projects involving proceedings before the Utah Public Service Commission and participated in multi-state regulatory efforts which involved close collaborative work with other stakeholders and agencies.

She provided expert witness testimony before the Utah Commission as well as the Utah Legislature and was instrumental in crafting provisions to a major telecommunications bill passed during the 2005 Legislative Session. This effort secured regulatory oversight for services with few competitive alternatives yet it allowed the utility to flexibly price products for which competitive market developed. Ms. Smith was subsequently invited to present the results of this legislative effort to the members of the Wyoming State Legislature.

Ms. Smith's current responsibilities at Energy Strategies involve assisting the firm in evaluating utility rate filings on behalf of our clients, and providing analytical support on a variety of regulatory matters. To that end, Ms. Smith builds and maintains various rate models and communicates the results of her quantitative and qualitative analysis to senior staff members.