

About

Robert W. Gee, President



Robert W. Gee is a 35-year veteran of the energy industry. From his experience as an attorney, senior state and federal public official, and technology executive, he is an expert at the intersection of law, public policy/public affairs, technology, and finance required to comprehend the unique challenges of global and US domestic energy markets. He currently serves as President of Gee Strategies Group LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm providing policy analysis, advocacy, and litigation support for US and foreign investors, foreign governments, trade associations, utilities, independent power companies, and public institutions, among others. A recipient of various honors and awards, he has testified before the United States Congress, and been interviewed by or provided commentary for *Reuters*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *National Journal*, BBC television, and CNBC television. His editorials have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and the *Houston Chronicle*.

He served as Vice President for Development and Partner Relations for the Electricity Innovation Institute (E2I), an affiliate of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), where he advocated development of the “smart grid” to digitize the electric utility power delivery system.

From 1997 to 2000 he served as Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs and as Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy of the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. He chaired the Energy Department’s Central Asia/Caspian energy strategy, and was responsible for the timely completion of the Department’s 1998 Comprehensive National Energy Strategy. He also oversaw the operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the national research program to develop and demonstrate advanced clean coal, natural gas, and petroleum technologies.

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From 1991 until 1997 he served on the Public Utility Commission of Texas and as its Chairman from 1991 through 1995. During his service, he chaired the Committee on Electricity for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

He has served as an Attorney Advisor at the Interstate Commerce Commission and as a Supervisory Trial Attorney at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He held the position of General Attorney at Tenneco Oil Company, and was Of Counsel to the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld.

He currently serves as President of Asian Americans in Energy, the Environment, and Commerce (AE2C), and as a member of the Development Advisory Board of C12 Energy, and of the Board of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. He is also a member of the National Petroleum Council, a federal advisory committee to the US Secretary of Energy. He is a member of the Committee of 100, and previously served on its Board. His additional past affiliations included serving as a Trustee for St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and as a member of the Dallas Regional Panel of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Mr. Gee received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government with honors from the University of Texas and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

Sheri S. Givens, Senior Associate



Sheri S. Givens is a Senior Associate with Gee Strategies Group, LLC. Her professional experience includes over 10 years in legal, regulatory, legislative and external affairs, including seven years focused on the Texas electric market. She also serves as Policy Director for Power Across Texas, a nonprofit. Ms. Givens' expertise centers on energy policy research and analysis relating to wholesale and retail electric markets, deregulated and regulated energy markets, emerging energy technologies, public power, customer engagement and general consumer utility issues.

From 2009 to 2013, Ms. Givens was twice appointed by the Texas Governor, and confirmed by the Texas Senate, to lead the Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel, the state's utility consumer advocacy agency for residential and small business utility customers representing the state's 20 million-plus utility consumers. In that role, she managed 14 personnel on an annual budget of \$1.5 million. Working with the state legislature, she effectively ensured continuation of the agency when threatened with elimination in 2011, and further, expansion of the office to an additional 7 personnel and approximately \$650,000 in funding annually in 2013. She oversaw the office's intervention and participation in both contested and non-contested matters relating to electric and communications utilities before the Texas Public Utility Commission, other regulatory agencies and courts. She also testified regularly before the Texas Legislature on consumer, energy and agency issues. She was a frequent speaker at utility industry conferences nationwide.

Ms. Givens was known for leading her state agency in active consumer education initiatives statewide through in-person outreach, publications and social media during her tenure. In 2014, she received the Citation for Exceptional Service in Support of National Defense from the Association of the United States Army for her military outreach program. She was also named the 2010 Emerging Public Administration Professional of the Year by the American Society for Public Administration - CenTex Chapter.

Ms. Givens served on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and Texas Reliability Entity's Board of Directors as an ex-officio member representing residential consumers. At ERCOT, she was a member of both the Human Resources and Governance as well as the Nominating Committees. She was elected, by fellow nationwide advocates, to the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). And, she was a member of New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities' Advisory Council and the Electric Policy and Research Institute's Energy Efficiency/Grid Advisory Group.

During her fifteen years of public service, her positions have included senior advising attorney at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, assistant general counsel at the Texas Workforce Commission, and various roles in the Texas Legislature.

Ms. Givens received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government from the University of Texas and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center.

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