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Dr. Laura T.W. Olive is an Associate Director who works with energy companies to navigate economic questions arising from regulation and contract disputes in NERA's Energy, Environment, Communications, and Infrastructure Practice. Dr. Olive knows that the energy industry of today continually faces new opportunities and challenges. She has worked with firms to develop answers to the most pressing questions of costs, prices, and competition and various other issues in regulatory settings, litigation, and international arbitration. Dr. Olive frequently evaluates market power and competition in a variety of circumstances, including proposed mergers and acquisitions, market-based rate authority, and other regulatory investigations. Dr. Olive has testified on such matters before state commissions and federal regulators.

Dr. Olive values upstream oil and gas assets for damages claims in litigation and international arbitration courts. She has testified before state commissions and federal regulators regarding competition and market power in the electric markets, and has calculated rates for regulated pipelines and non-regulated sales of natural gas in the US, Canada, and Australia. Dr. Olive has developed transportation cost and long-run average incremental cost calculation models for liquefied natural gas projects. She has been involved in the development of expert reports for competition policy and tariff design in Canada, gas supply agreements in the US and Australia, and US bankruptcy litigation. She also analyzes competition and market structure issues in the telecommunications and freight rail industries.

Dr. Olive's work spans many industries, including electricity, gas, liquified natural gas, oil, and petroleum products. She also has experience in the fixed and wireless telecommunications, cable television, and postal services sectors.

Education

PhD in economics, Northeastern University

BA in economics, Simmons College

Publications

- *The Role of Cost-Reflective Distribution Tariffs and Flexibility Contracts in Supporting the Energy Transition*
- *Polar Vortexes in New England: Missing Money, Missing Markets, or Missing Regulation?*
- *The Grid Mod Squad: Investors, Ratepayers, and Regulators*
- *NERA Experts Bring Economic Insights to the Latest Investment Treaty Arbitration Review*
- *A Hitchhiker's Guide to Gas Demand Response*
- *Extending Demand Response to the Natural Gas Industry*
- *Incentive Regulation in the United States: Current Trends and a Look Back*
- *Risky Business: New Trends in North American Regulation*
- *Laura T. W. Olive, PhD, Testifies Before the Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Provisions of Section 6w of 2016 PA 341 for Upper Peninsula Power Company's Service Territory*
- *Laura T.W. Olive, PhD, Testifies Before the Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Provisions of Section 6w of 2016 PA 341 for Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's Service Territory*

- *Laura T.W. Olive, PhD, Testifies Before the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding Provisions of Section 6w of 2016 PA 341 for Cloverland Electric Cooperative's Service Territory*
- *The Politics of U.S. Oil Pipelines: The First Born Struggles to Learn From the Clever Younger Sibling*
- *Vision of Liquefied Natural Gas Hub: Mirage on the Ocean?*
- *Variations in Inland Transport Regulation: A Barrier to a Competitive Global LNG Market*
- *A Petroleum Tanker of a Different Color: Obstacles to an LNG-based Global Gas Spot Market*

Practice Areas

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