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Dr. Chantale LaCasse has over 15 years of consulting experience and over 20 years of professional experience in matters related to competition and to the design and implementation of auctions, procurement, and bidding processes. She provides advice to governments, regulatory agencies, and utilities on auction design and implementation, and has testified as an expert witness before state regulatory commissions and regulatory agencies.

Dr. LaCasse has advised on all aspects of the design and implementation of competitive bidding processes including:

- Choice of auction formats
- Development of detailed rules and qualification procedures
- Features to promote competition and discourage collusion
- Evaluation of bids
- Processes for efficient implementation including online bidding
- Bid strategy to participants in auctions

Although an important part of her practice concentrates on electric power, Dr. LaCasse has experience working in a range of industries, notably other energy sectors and telecommunications. She has helped clients in a variety of areas, including capacity markets, renewable energy, solar generation projects, allocation of radio spectrum, and legal services.

She has worked with clients on the design and management of auctions in the United States, Canada, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, and Singapore.

Before joining NERA in 2001, Dr. LaCasse was an established academic in Canada; she trained PhD students in game theory and conducted research in antitrust, auctions, and other issues in economic policy. She has provided advice on competition issues and has held the TD MacDonald Chair at the Canadian Competition Bureau. She holds a PhD and MA in economics from the University of Western Ontario, as well as a BA in mathematics and a BSocSc in economics from the University of Ottawa.

Education

PhD and MA in economics, University of Western Ontario

BSocSc in economics and BA in mathematics, University of Ottawa

Publications

- *Sold! Using Auctions to Unlock Capital Markets for Climate Action*
- *Going, Going, Gone—Timeline of an Innovative Auction That Aims to Reduce Methane Emissions*
- *Local and Regional Licensing for the US 600 MHz Band (Incentive Auction)*
- *Global Trends in Spectrum Auctions and Implications for the Americas*

- *Buying the Bad Stuff: Implementation Considerations for the Paulson Plan*
- *The Line in the Sand: The Shifting Boundary Between Markets and Regulation in Network Industries*
- *Maryland versus New Jersey: Is there a 'Best' Competitive Bid Process?*
- *Central Resource Adequacy Markets For PJM, NY-ISO AND NE-ISO*
- *Auctions and Procurement: New Directions*

Practice Areas

Antitrust and Competition

Auctions

Communications, Media, and Internet

Energy

Radio Spectrum

Regulatory Economics

Languages

English, French, Spanish

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