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Mr. Schnitzer is a nationally recognized authority on the subject of electric industry restructuring and wholesale market design, and has been an expert witness in a number of proceedings involving these topics, including hearings and technical conferences at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and rulemaking proceedings at state regulatory and energy commissions.

Before state regulatory commissions he has testified on behalf of utility clients about a wide range of electric regulatory issues including ratemaking, financing, resource planning, and utility reorganization to enable retail competition. He has also testified on the subject of the costs and benefits associated with RTO membership, and whether RTO membership is in the public interest.

At FERC the issues he has addressed include Locational Marginal Pricing and Financial Transmission Rights, Regional Transmission Organizations market rules and transmission cost allocation policies, incorporation of environmental considerations into market design and pricing tariffs, resource adequacy, and transmission expansion pricing policy.

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