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Steven W. Krohne is a partner in Ice Miller's Real Estate, Environmental & Energy Law (REEL) who concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of utility, energy, telecommunications and administrative law.

Steve provides full-service representation to a broad range of investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities and local governments. In particular, he has represented gas, electric, steam, water and wastewater utilities, as well as telecommunications providers in a variety of proceedings for regulatory approvals before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Such proceedings include: rate cases, innovative rate design cases, transmission, distribution and storage system improvement charge (TDSIC) cases, fuel and purchased power proceedings, certificate of public convenience and necessity cases, complaint cases, investigation proceedings, declination of jurisdiction proceedings, energy efficiency and demand response matters, territory matters, as well as, mergers and acquisitions. Steve also has been involved in appeals of utility matters to the Indiana Court of Appeals, as well as litigating utility matters before Indiana trial courts.

In addition to representing clients in litigation matters, Steve provides counsel on a broad range of issues to energy and water/wastewater clients, including regional water-sewer districts. He routinely handles transactional matters for utility clients, such as preparation and negotiation of contracts for utility service, main extension agreements and other matters, including preparation of general terms and conditions for service and tariffs. Steve also provides counsel to clients concerning natural gas pipeline safety issues.

Steve received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the Robert H. McKinney School of Law: Indiana University in 1998, where he served as the Executive Articles Editor of the *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review*.

Steve also has served as an adjunct Professor of Law at the Robert H. McKinney School of Law: Indiana University, teaching Legal Analysis, Research and Communication to second year law students. Steve is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association and Indianapolis Bar Association. He is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the Indiana State Bar Association's Utility Law Section. Steve has twice served as Chair of the Gas Division of the Indiana State Bar Association's

Services & Industries

- Data Centers
- Energy & Utilities Law
- Environmental
- Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Utility Law Section and has also served as Chair of the Water-Sewer Division of the Utility Law Section. Steve also is an Indianapolis Bar Foundation Distinguished Fellow.

Steve is a graduate of the United Way of Central Indiana's "Leadership United" program. In his free time, Steve plays ice hockey and runs.

Education

- Indiana University (B.S., 1993)
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 1998)

Admissions

- Indiana
- Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Chair, Utility Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2019-2020
- Technology Adoption Committee

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Energy Law, 2021-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® "Lawyer of the Year" in Energy Law in Indianapolis, 2024
- *Chambers USA* America's Leading Lawyers for Energy & Natural Resources, 2023-2026

Community Involvement

- Former Member of the Board of Directors, Social Strategies and Fund Development Committee Chair, Connect2Help 211

Key Matters

Reported and Representative Cases

- Petition of Vectren South for Approval of a Transportation Distribution and Storage Improvement Charge, Cause No. 44509 (IURC 2017)
- Petition of Citizens Thermal to Increase its Rates and Charges; Cause No. 44349 (IURC 2014)
- Petition of CWA Authority, Inc. to Increase its Rates and Charges; Cause No. 44305 (IURC 2014)
- Petition of Citizens Water to Increase its Rates and Charges; Cause No. 44306 (IURC 2013)
- Petition of Citizens Gas and LNG Indy, LLC for Approval of Gas Sales Agreements, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for LNG Indy, LLC and Declination of IURC Jurisdiction over LNG Indy, LLC; Cause No. 44277 (IURC 2013)
- Petition of Citizens Gas and Citizens Gas of Westfield for Authority to Provide Energy Efficiency Programs and Approval of Decoupling Mechanisms; Cause No. 44124 (IURC 2013)
- Petition of CWA Authority, Inc. for Approval of an Environmental Compliance Plan Recovery Mechanism; Cause No. 44053 (IURC 2012)
- Petition of Citizens Water and CWA Authority, Inc. for Changes to Terms and Conditions for Service; Cause No. 44163 (IURC 2012)

- Petition of Citizens Gas to Increase its Rates and Charges; Cause No. 43975 (IURC 2011)
- Citizens Water Acquisition; Cause No. 43936 (IURC, 2011)
- Petition of Citizens Gas of Westfield to Increase its Rates and Charges and Implement Energy Efficiency Programs and Decoupling; Cause No. 43624 (IURC 2010)
- Commission Investigation into the Town of Beverly Shores; Cause No. 43253 (IURC 2008)
- Petition of Citizens Gas and Vectren Energy for Approval of Low-Income Energy Assistance Programs, Cause No. 43077/43078 (IURC, 2007)
- Hancock Co. Rural Electric Membership Corp. v. City of Greenfield, 768 N.E.2d 909 (Ind. Ct. App., 2002)
- Spring Hills Developers, Inc. v. The Reynolds Group, Inc., 792 N.E.2d 955 (Ind. Ct. App., 2003)

Success Stories

Ice Miller Represents GIC in Investment in Duke Energy Indiana

Ice Miller LLP represented GIC in its acquisition of a minority interest in Duke Energy Indiana ("DEI"), serving as Indiana counsel for the transaction. This is the first of a two-part transaction between GIC and Duke Energy (NYSE:DUK) in which GIC acquired an 11.05 percent interest in DEI for \$1.025 billion.

The second phase of the transaction, which is slated to occur no later than January 2023, will increase GIC's interest in GIC to 19.9 percent for a total of \$2.05 billion.

GIC is an affiliate of GIC Private Limited and an experienced investor in U.S. infrastructure.

Proceeds from the transaction will fund Duke Energy's increased \$58 to \$60 billion capital plan – a five-year plan that will accelerate its clean energy transition – and redeploy capital to support increased growth investments within its portfolio of regulated utilities.

Partner Steve Krohne led the Ice Miller team along with Partner Don Snemis, Senior Counsel Mike Cracraft and Associate Lauren Baldwin.

Published In

- "General Assembly creates 21st Century Energy Task Force," *Indiana Lawyer*, Vol. 30, No. 14, Sept. 4-17, 2019

Thought Leadership

March 26, 2020

2020 Indiana Legislature Update: Environment and Energy

Speaking Engagements

- "HEA 1347: Implications for Municipal Utilities," Indiana State Bar Association's Utility Law Section Fall Seminar, September 12, 2019

- "Managing a Municipal Utility: Best Practices & Implications of HEA 1347," Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Webinar, June 25, 2019