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OVERVIEW

Jim Goettsch is an energy infrastructure deal partner, with a focus on acquisitions, complex joint ventures, project finance and investment, and structured energy supply. He is a member of the firm's Energy and Power practice groups and has 30 years of experience in traditional and renewable power generation, utilities, wholesale and large load power supply, midstream natural gas, and other sectors, including biofuels and green hydrogen.

Jim has led the acquisition, sale or financing of more than 50 utility-scale power generation facilities, including 15 years of experience in wind, solar and energy storage, building on an early career in thermal power, midstream gas, and utility acquisitions and joint ventures. He has structured and negotiated both single-facility and portfolio transactions, including development-stage and operating project acquisitions and joint ventures, build-transfer agreements for both developers and utilities, and private and public (including SPAC) investments in energy transition platform companies. Jim has helped clients raise billions of dollars through project debt finance and tax equity transactions.

With experience in wholesale and significant retail energy supply transactions, Jim also has structured and negotiated energy hedges and works with energy suppliers, utilities and customers in relation to large electric loads, including data center power supply and behind-the-meter arrangements.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Jim was a partner in the Energy and Natural Resources group at a large U.S. law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Energy: renewable/alternative power, 2024
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2008-2021
- *IFLR1000*, Project Finance and M&A (Missouri), Highly Regarded, 2018-2019

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 1995 *with high honors, Order of the Coif; Iowa Law Review, Senior Articles Editor*
- A.B., Harvard University, 1992 *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Missouri

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 8 December 2025, 2025 in Review: International Nuclear Energy Updates
- 30 October 2025, US Government Announces Historic \$80 Billion Nuclear Partnership With Westinghouse Electric Company, Cameco Corporation, and Brookfield Asset Management to Construct AP1000 Reactor Fleet
- 18 August 2025, IRS Notice 2025-42: What Renewable Developers Need to Know on Beginning of Construction Rules
- June 2025, Changes to Energy Policy and Energy Tax Incentives in the House Reconciliation Bill
- 5 June 2024, Tax Credit Revolution: Clean Energy Tax Credit Transfers

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "[New Clean Energy Tax Credit Rules Transfer Deal Risks to Buyers](#)," *Bloomberg Tax*, 22 May 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 July 2025, K&L Gates Advises Terramont Infrastructure Partners on US\$160 Million Investment in Dispatch Energy
- 15 August 2024, Nearly 430 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2025 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 24 May 2022, K&L Gates Adds Four-Partner, Multi-Office Premier Renewable Energy Team

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power

- Capital Markets
- Construction and Infrastructure Project Funding
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Energy Finance
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Companies
- Renewables
- Water and Wastewater

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Nuclear Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Renewable Power

- Served as development counsel, borrower's counsel, and sponsor's counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Deerfield 2 Wind Project in Michigan.
- Served as development counsel, borrower's counsel, and sponsor's counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Sandy Ridge 2 Wind Project in Pennsylvania.
- Represented renewable energy developer/owner in its acquisition of the 284 megawatt Pine Forest Solar Project under development in Texas.
- Represented renewable energy developer/owner in its acquisition of the 369 MW Blue Sky Solar Project under development in Illinois.
- Represented renewable power developer/owner in the formation of a standing project development and construction joint venture with an alternative investment fund for the client's renewable generation project pipeline.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 492 megawatt Maverick Creek Wind Project in Texas.

- Represented project developer/owner in its execution of a 12-year power purchase agreement with a major commercial retail energy provider for its 379 megawatt solar project in Texas, one of the first off-take agreements of this type in the solar industry.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 202 megawatt Sugar Creek Wind Project in Illinois.
- Represented Liberty Utilities and its regulated electric utility subsidiary The Empire District Electric Company in the build-transfer acquisition and tax equity structuring of the 300 megawatt Kings Point and North Fork Ridge Wind Projects in Missouri.
- Represented renewable power developer in its execution of a 15-year energy hedge with Citigroup Energy for a 238 megawatt wind project in Texas, and in the subsequent sale of the project.
- Represented Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. in its \$650 million acquisition of 41.5% of yieldco Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure plc (NASDAQ: AY).
- Represented Liberty Utilities in connection with the structuring of the tax equity investment in its 50 megawatt Luning Solar facility, the first significant third-party tax equity financing transaction undertaken by a regulated public utility for a rate-based facility.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 149 megawatt Deerfield Wind Project in Michigan.
- Represented renewable energy developer in its acquisition of multiple late-stage development wind projects in Texas, resulting in a total of more than 800 megawatts of constructed capacity.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the \$149 million acquisition of a 109-megawatt operating wind energy facility in Illinois that had been developed and constructed by the facility's turbine manufacturer.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, tax equity financing, and secured energy hedging transactions for a 400 megawatt, three-project portfolio of wind power facilities in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Energy Transition Capital Markets

- Represented energy-transition focused special purpose acquisition company Northern Genesis Acquisition Corp. III in its risk capital formation and \$172 million initial public offering.
- Represented special purpose acquisition company Northern Genesis Acquisition Corp. II in its risk capital funding and \$420 million initial public offering and in its subsequent de-SPAC PIPE financing and business combination with Embark Trucks Inc., an autonomous trucking software company.
- Represented special purpose acquisition company Northern Genesis Acquisition Corp. in its risk capital funding and its subsequent de-SPAC merger into a subsidiary of The Lion Electric Company, a manufacturer of all-electric medium and heavy-duty urban vehicles.

Utilities

- Represented Liberty Utilities in its \$608 million acquisition of New York American Water, a regulated water distribution and wastewater collection utility in southeastern New York.
- Represented Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. in its \$365 million acquisition of Ascendant Group Limited, the publicly traded parent of Bermuda Electric Light Company.
- Represented Liberty Utilities in its \$2.3 billion acquisition of The Empire District Electric Company, a publicly traded, regulated electric and gas public utility operating primarily in Missouri.
- Represented Liberty Utilities in the \$327 million acquisition of water utilities in California and Montana from the Carlyle Group.
- Represented Liberty Utilities in the \$74 million acquisition of the Massachusetts gas distribution utility assets of New England Gas Co. from Energy Transfer Company.
- Represented Liberty Utilities in the \$140 million acquisition of gas distribution utility assets of Atmos Energy in Georgia, and in the \$125 million acquisition of gas distribution utility assets of Atmos Energy in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.
- Represented Liberty Utilities in the \$285 million acquisition of electric distribution utility Granite State Electric Co. and local gas distribution utility Energy North Natural Gas Inc. in New Hampshire from National Grid.
- Represented client in the \$136 million sale of its Lake Tahoe, California electric distribution utility assets.
- Represented client in the \$292 million bifurcated sale of its Kansas-regulated electric utility assets to Sunflower Electric Power Corp. and Westar Energy.

Natural Gas Infrastructure

- Represented client in its formation of a 50/50 joint venture with Con Edison to own and develop Crestwood's natural gas pipeline and storage business located in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York, with cash proceeds of approximately \$975 million.
- Represented client in negotiation of a joint venture with Kinder Morgan for an expected client investment of \$400 million in a natural gas pipeline extension project in the northeastern United States.
- Represented client in the acquisition of a controlling interest in an 18-billion-cubic-foot depleted reservoir gas storage project in Texas.
- Represented client in the \$265 million sale of its natural gas gathering and processing facilities in Texas and Oklahoma.
- Represented client in the formation of a joint venture for the \$220 million acquisition of an underground gas storage facility in California, including advance payment of \$110 million in the form of a secured construction loan from the joint venture to the seller.