

Nick Owens assists electric sector clients with planning, operations, and policy in wholesale markets. He joined NorthBridge in 2007 and has developed in-depth knowledge through a variety of hands-on assignments, including the following:

- Mr. Owens assisted a large utility with its decision to join MISO, including the preparation of a cost-benefit analysis comparing continued operation outside an RTO to operations inside MISO, a comprehensive due diligence review of the MISO Tariff, and the successful negotiation of modifications to the MISO Tariff.
- For the same utility, Mr. Owens assisted with the MISO integration process, including training sessions on market operations, financial transmission rights, and transmission planning. Mr. Owens was a key member of the teams responsible for developing and implementing a variety of strategies for market participation, including the way in which different resources are offered into the energy and capacity markets and the nomination of auction revenue rights. Mr. Owens also sponsored testimony on certain RTO “implementation” issues.
- Mr. Owens has advised clients on electricity trading strategies designed to optimize the commitment and dispatch of generation facilities in the presence of uncertainty and accounting for market design and market rules.
- Mr. Owens has helped clients develop and execute strategies to secure regulatory approval for the construction and acquisition of power plants. These efforts include cost-benefit and market power analysis and the development of novel financing structures, all linked to RTO participation.
- For a utility in the Midwest, Mr. Owens evaluated transmission cost allocation issues and potential capacity market outcomes in support of its decision to join PJM and has supported that utility with analysis to inform its ongoing participation in the capacity market.
- For a utility in New England, Mr. Owens prepared a cost-benefit analysis that was used in support of its decision not to withdraw from ISO-NE. Key issues included transmission cost allocation and the provision of planning and operating reserves.
- Mr. Owens helps clients track important market design issues by monitoring and reporting on developments at FERC and in RTO committee processes. In many cases, Mr. Owens has helped clients respond to these developments through negotiation, presentations, and regulatory filings.
- For a variety of clients, Mr. Owens has evaluated environmental policies, including EPA rulemakings such as MATS, CSAPR, and CPP and a variety of proposals for renewable portfolio standards and cap-and-trade programs. These evaluations have been used to inform regulatory responses and long-term planning decisions.

Before joining NorthBridge, Mr. Owens was an economic consultant with Compass-Lexecon in Cambridge, MA. He received a B.A. in economics and government from Colby College.