

Natalie Mims Experience Summary

Natalie Mims has experience in several fields, including energy, transportation, biofuels, regulatory and policy analysis, utility planning and utility regulation. At RMI, she is interested in exploring what regulatory and policy solutions aid in solving barriers to energy efficiency in all sectors. Ms. Mims is RMI's primary regulatory and policy analyst, and has substantial experience working with state and federal laws and regulations has worked with state governments to create and support policies that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Ms. Mims has worked with private corporations to inform them of the regulatory environment in which they operate, how to take advantage of incentives that are available to them, and use key leverage points to promote cost-effective efficiency and renewable energy.

Relevant Experience

Rocky Mountain Institute, Research & Consulting, 2004-Present. Natalie Mims is an Consultant with the RMI Energy & Resources Team. She holds a master's degree in environmental law from Vermont Law School, where she focused on natural resource law including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Energy Policy Acts. She also holds bachelor's degrees in english and political science from the Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Mims is RMI's primary policy and regulatory analyst, and has substantial experience analyzing federal and state policy and regulations on energy, utility planning, biofuels, and transportation. Ms. Mims is also working to implement the transportation strategies put forward in RMI's 2004 book *Winning the Oil Endgame*, particularly the feebate.

She has worked with key stakeholders in Hawaii and Alaska to identify and develop regulatory policy changes to decrease dependence on fossil fuels for energy and promote demand-side efficiency. As part of her work in Hawaii, Ms. Mims participated in a public utility commission docket that determined how utility DSM programs will be measured and administered in the State, as well as a technical workshop on the implementation of the State Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Ms. Mims also has recently worked with: the City of Cambridge to develop a portfolio of options to achieve their energy efficiency goals; a gaming company in Nevada to develop a corporate carbon management strategy; the State of New Jersey, conducting a renewable energy market assessment; a large multi-use development in Florida, creating an energy infrastructure master plan; and a consortium in Hawaii to develop policy solutions for agricultural independence for the Island of Hawaii. In addition to her consulting work, Natalie has been conducting ongoing research on the implications of cost-recovery, lost margins, shareholder incentives, and revenue decoupling mechanisms on investor owned utilities.

Vermont Law School 2003-2004. While attending VLS for her masters in environmental law, Natalie was a research assistant on energy issues and also managed the

environmental law collection. Her research aided in the creation of an environmental law webpage with an energy component.

Office of Senator George Voinovich, 2002-2003. As Legislative Correspondent intern, Ms. Mims researched past and current federal policy on a variety of topics. Her primary role was to draft responses to constituents on a variety of political issues, including energy, civil rights, transportation, natural resources and international affairs. While working in the Senator's office she also responded to constituent phone inquiries and contributed to office management.

Education

Pennsylvania State University, 2002, B.A. English, B.A. Political Science

Vermont Law School, 2004, Masters of Studies in Environmental Law

Publications

Legislative Options to Improve Transportation Efficiency, 2005, RMI

Feebates: A Legislative Option to Encourage Continuous Improvements to Automobile Efficiency, 2008, RMI

Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Environmentally Beneficial Load Building: Implications on California's Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, 2008, National Energy Service Conference Proceedings