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OVERVIEW

Shab Puri is a partner at the firm's San Francisco office. He focuses on energy and infrastructure projects with an emphasis on the development of renewable energy projects. Shab has extensive experience in representing contractors and owners with engineering, procurement and construction agreements for projects ranging in size from 100 kW to 500 MW, including early construction agreements, equipment supply agreements, operation and maintenance agreements and related matters. Shab also advises clients with power purchase agreements, project related real estate agreements and the acquisition, disposition of project entities and project assets and general commercial matters. He has more than 20 years of law firm and in-house experience.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Shab worked with a boutique clean energy focused law firm based in San Francisco. He previously worked in the energy and project finance practice group in the San Francisco office of Stoel Rives LLP. He also worked as an assistant general counsel for Solar Trust of America, the United States affiliate of Solar Millennium AG, a German solar developer, and as senior counsel for Suntech America LLC, the United States affiliate of Suntech Power Holdings Co, Ltd., a publicly traded Chinese solar panel manufacturer that was at the time the world's largest panel manufacturer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- William H. Leary Scholar, 1998–1999

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Utah College of Law, 1999
- B.A., University of Utah, 1995

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Section of the State Bar of Texas, Vol. 44, No. 3: September 2020
Co-Author: "The Eye of the Beholder: An Introduction to Key Clauses in Solar Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contracts"

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 August 2021, K&L Gates Expands Power Practice with San Francisco Partner Addition (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Agreements for Distributed Generation and Utility Scale Solar Projects Ranging in Size From 100 kW to 500 MW

- Early engineering, LNTP, EPC and operation and maintenance agreements for 500 MW utility scale solar power plant.
- EPC Agreement for 108 MW portfolio of utility scale solar projects located in Maine.
- EPC Agreement for 28.5 MW utility scale solar project located in Idaho.
- EPC Agreement for 6.8 MW community solar project located in Massachusetts
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- EPC Agreement for 5MW project located in California.
- EPC Agreement for 2.7 MW community solar project located in Illinois.
- EPC Agreements for various 1-2 MW carport solar projects located in California.
- EPC Agreement for 500 kW solar plus storage project located in Hawaii.
- Conducted due diligence of 200 MW portfolio of solar EPC agreements in relation to potential acquisition.
- Negotiated operations and maintenance agreements for various solar projects.

- Represented United States affiliates of the world's largest solar panel supplier concerning the manufacturing and sale of solar panels, warranty issues and related matters.
- Counseled contractors with the negotiation of supply agreements for modules, inverters, racking and SCADA systems to be utilized in solar projects.
- Advised hydro-electric technology company with procurement and installation agreements.

Power Purchase Agreements

- Represented project developer concerning power purchase agreement for floating solar project in California (at the time of construction it was the largest floating array in the United States).
- Assisted national residential and commercial solar provider with updating all of their commercial power purchase agreement templates (physical and virtual).
- Counseled developers and offtakers concerning behind the meter power purchase agreements.
- Advised clients with net metering/billing credit agreements.
- Represented clients with renewable energy credit purchase and sale agreements.

Real Estate

- Advised renewable energy developers with lease, license and easement agreements for project related property rights.
- Counseled electric vehicle service providers with real estate and other agreements related to the buildout of their regional charging station networks and related matters.
- Assisted global telecommunications provider with cell site leases and related matters.
- Represented solar developer regarding negotiation of agreement for purchase of real property rights from land bank organization.
- Advised the country's largest "big-box" retailer, concerning acquisitions of real property and related matters.
- Counseled four of the country's five largest financial institutions (based on total deposits) with real estate loan origination and servicing transactions.

Commercial

- Represented sellers and buyers with the acquisitions and dispositions of project related entities and assets.

Project Finance

- Advised independent power producer/borrower concerning \$2.5 billion revolving construction credit facility (Project Finance International's North American Deal of the Year 2000) for the financing and construction of 12 natural gas-fired power plants and the capital markets refinancing of such credit facility (Project Finance International's North American Refinancing Deal of the Year 2004).
- Counseled independent power producer/borrower concerning \$1 billion revolving construction credit facility (Project Finance International's North American Deal of the Year 1999) for the financing and construction of 8

natural-gas fired power plants and the capital markets refinancing of such credit facility (Project Finance International's North American Refinancing Deal of the year 2003).