

Alex Routhier

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Alex Routhier, PhD., is a senior policy advisor at Western Resource Advocates and manages the clean energy team in Arizona. In this role, he works to expand clean energy, accelerate grid modernization and transportation electrification, and limit greenhouse gas emissions. He works closely with utilities in Arizona – particularly Arizona Public Service, Tucson Electric Power and the Salt River Project – on long-term and integrated system planning.

Routhier began his career working in financial services for Vanguard in eastern Pennsylvania. But with a deepening interest in the environment and the burgeoning adoption of solar energy across the country, he moved to Arizona to shift careers. Routhier joined WRA in 2021, working full time as he completed his doctorate in electrical engineering.

For Routhier, the best aspects of his position at WRA are working closely with decision makers in Arizona who are charting the future of clean energy in the state. As a subject matter expert at WRA, he offers critical expertise to organizations who listen and act on that feedback. With his previous background in the financial industry, he brings an expanded understanding of some of the more complex areas of decarbonization, such as securitization as a cost recovery mechanism, and utility investments.

Some of Routhier's proudest accomplishments to date include intervening at the Arizona Corporation Commission to deny a certificate of environmental compatibility for a proposed 820 MW expansion of the Coolidge Generating Station; testifying and intervening in support on the SunZia Transmission line expansion; and working with partners on the effort before the Commission that led to the adoption of strong transportation electrification plans for Tucson Electric Power and UNSE.

Routhier holds a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in emergency medicine from the University of Pittsburgh.

In his spare time, Routhier enjoys playing softball, listening to music and reading.

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