

## **Clare Valentine**

### **Senior Policy Advisor, Clean Energy**



As a Senior Policy Advisor at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Clare Valentine shapes state and local energy policy by ensuring the organization has the technical expertise to develop and advance equitable legislative, administrative, and policy solutions. As the state expert on clean energy issues, she works with regulators, policy makers, and other interest groups to move WRA's goals forward.

She serves as an expert witness in regulatory proceedings, works with a variety of stakeholders to build consensus on grid modernization issues, and uses the latest research to support policies that will enable our transition to a clean energy future, while ensuring reliable and equitable access to energy.

Valentine initially came to WRA in 2020 as a flexible grid analyst having previously worked at E Source, where she provided research and consultation to utilities regarding demand-side management. During her time there, she advised utilities on their demand response and load management strategies through reports, presentations, and facilitated meetings. She left WRA for a stint as a senior energy policy advisor for the City of Denver, returning to WRA in December 2024.

An interest in environmental topics was intrinsic in Valentine — raised in Reno, Nev., she grew up exploring the Sierra mountains and the Nevadan deserts. Her fascination with the natural environment inspired her to study physics, but in her career, she wanted to have a bigger impact on conservation through policy-making.

In the spirit of her physics and engineering background, Valentine is driven by the complexity of the energy industry. She loves digging into issues and putting pieces of the puzzle together to solve challenges that bring the region closer to long-term clean energy use and preservation of the West's incomparable landscapes.

Early successes at WRA have solidified how well-suited Valentine is for her role. She's helped influence the roll-out of distribution system planning in Colorado by contributing to the drafting of rules that were adopted by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. She has also successfully negotiated WRA's positions in settlements related to renewable energy plans, advanced metering infrastructure, and distribution system planning.

Valentine earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physics from Whitman College and a Master of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Valentine currently resides in Colorado with her partner and their pets, a dog and a cat. In her free time, she practices and performs aerial arts, enjoys hiking and backpacking, and experiments with plant-based cooking, everything from sundubu-jjigae to croissants.

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