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Nidhi Thakar is Director of Strategy for Portland General Electric, Oregon's largest utility, where she leads cross-functional efforts to advance decarbonization and electrification, resiliency and reliability, business model innovation, and customer products.

Prior to her role at Portland General, Nidhi previously served in the administration of Governor Brown as Chief of Strategy and External Affairs to President Michael Picker of the California Public Utilities Commission, where she was responsible for coordinating with the western state public utilities commissions and the federal government, and worked on changes to the California retail electric market and wildfire issues.

Nidhi's diverse public service experience also includes: serving in the Obama administration as Senior Advisor to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office, where she was part of the executive team responsible for its \$32 billion financing portfolio of advanced clean energy and vehicle technologies; Deputy Director of the Public Lands Project at the Center for American Progress, where she led the team's legal and policy analyses on energy and environmental issues affecting public lands; Legislative Aide to U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley of Nevada; and as a law clerk at both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and U.S. Department of Justice's Environmental Enforcement Division.

Nidhi also spent six years in private practice as an attorney at Perkins Coie, where she practiced before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state public utility commissions, and advised clients on energy and environmental matters, including the permitting of onshore and offshore renewable energy and hydroelectric projects, western water issues, hydraulic fracturing, and wholesale electric and natural gas proceedings.

Nidhi holds a B.A. from the University of Maryland, College Park and received her J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School, with a Certificate in Environmental Law and was a member of the Law Review.