

Biographical Abstract

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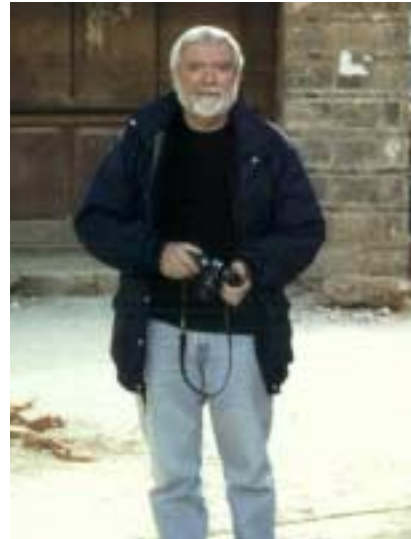
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Since joining ELCON in 1987, Mr. Hughes has provided technical and analytical support for ELCON's interventions at FERC, DOE, EPA, and state PUCs, and in testimony before Congress, and is the author of many ELCON position papers and regulatory filings. He represents Large End-Use Consumers on the Executive Committee of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). He also is active with the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). From January 2002 to December 2003, Mr. Hughes chaired the SeTrans RTO Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

Prior to joining ELCON, Mr. Hughes was Director of Economic Research at the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. He was previously Chief Economist of the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Council. Mr. Hughes is both an engineer and economist by training.