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CLEARPATH GROWS DC-BASED LEGISLATIVE, POLICY TEAMS

ClearPath has added new members to its growing DC-based legislative and policy teams.

Capitol Hill veteran <u>Chris Tomassi</u> has joined ClearPath as government affairs director, focusing on better utilizing clean energy innovation dollars.

"Chris has the deep policy and Capitol Hill background to drive us in advocating effective investments in breakthrough clean and reliable energy technologies," ClearPath Executive Director Rich Powell said.

Tomassi comes from the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he oversaw EPA and other funding since January 2015 as a Republican aide on the Interior and Environment Subcommittee.

That followed a two-year stint as senior counsel and aide on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on issues relating to the Interior Department, White House Council on Environmental Quality, EPA, National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act. He was also a senior legislative assistant and held other roles for Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Idaho) for nearly a decade, including on energy, environment, tax, budget and appropriations.

<u>Faith Smith</u> has also joined ClearPath as a policy analyst, focusing on energy storage solutions, the energy-water nexus and technological innovation policies.

"Faith brings a breadth of knowledge, strong technical expertise, and diverse government, academic and private-sector experiences to ClearPath's policy team," ClearPath Managing Director of Policy Jeremy Harrell said. "Her addition furthers our organization's ability to provide fresh and thorough analysis to interested policymakers."

Prior to joining ClearPath, Smith worked for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits Section and with Rio Tinto Kennecott Utah Copper's energy program. She recently completed graduate studies at the University of Texas-Austin centered on the energy-water nexus, water management and international energy and environmental policy. While at UT, she was a member of the nationally-renowned Webber Energy Group, conducting research on important issues at the intersection of energy, technology, policy and the environment.

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