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Dr. Orans founded E3 in 1993. The firm has nationally recognized experts in the fields of transmission and distribution planning, economic and regulatory theory and finance. Dr. Orans heads the litigation support and utility planning practices for E3.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS, INC. ***Managing Partner***

San Francisco, CA
1993-Present

- Dr. Orans's work in utility planning is centered on the design and use of area and time-specific costs for both pricing and evaluation of grid infrastructure alternatives. The first successful application was conducted for Pacific Gas and Electric Company in their 1993 General Rate Case. Using costs developed by Dr. Orans, PG&E became the first electric utility to use area and time specific costing in its ratemaking process.
- Dr. Orans also used the same data to develop a process called local integrated resource planning (LIRP) using detailed estimates of incremental costs for transmission and distribution planning areas. This work was formalized in his dissertation, *Area-Specific Cost of Electric Utilities: A Case Study of Transmission and Distribution Costs* and his work with the Electric Power Research Institute to document this new LIRP process. This seminal work led to applications in pricing, marketing and planning for Wisconsin Electric Company, Niagara Mohawk Power Company, Public Service of Indiana, Kansas City Power and Light, Central and Southwest Utilities, Central Power and Light, Philadelphia Electric Company, Tennessee Valley Authority and Ontario Hydro.
- Dr. Orans's expertise in utility planning is complimented by his working experience at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, where he was responsible for designing electric rates from 1982 to 1985. He has relied on this background along with his published papers to provide expert testimony on transmission pricing on behalf of BC Hydro (1996, 1997 and 2004), Ontario Power Generation (2000) and Hydro Quebec (2001, 2005, 2008). He has also worked extensively on the formulation of Regional Transmission Organizations (Grid West) in the U. S. Pacific Northwest. His current cases include the development of estimates the cost to comply with California's greenhouse gas compliance law (AB32) for the California PUC and the California Air Resource Board (CARB), and the evaluation of San Diego Gas and Electric's proposed Sunrise 500 KV transmission line on behalf of the California ISO and the evaluation of a new 500 KV transmission line on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE *Lead Consultant*

Washington, DC
1992-1993

- Developed new models to evaluate small-scale generation and DSM placed optimally in utility transmission and distribution systems.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

San Francisco, CA

Research and Development Department

1989-1991

- Developed an economic evaluation method for distributed generation alternatives. The new approach shows that targeted, circuit-specific, localized generation packages or targeted DSM can in some cases be less costly than larger generation alternatives.
- Developed the evaluation methodology that led to PG&E's installation of a 500KW photovoltaic (PV) facility at their Kerman substation. This is the only PV plant ever designed to defer the need for distribution capacity.

ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Consultant

Palo Alto, CA
1988-1992

- Developed the first formal economic model capable of integrating DSM into a transmission and distribution plan; the case study plan was used by PG&E for a \$16 million pilot project that was featured on national television.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Lead Consultant

Washington, DC
1989-1990

- Collaborated on a cooperative research and development project with the People's Republic of China. The final product was a book on lessons learned from electric utility costing and planning in the United States.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
Corporate Planning Department

San Francisco, CA
1989-1992

- Lead consultant on a joint EPRI and PG&E research project to develop geographic differences in PG&E's cost-of-service for use in the evaluation of capital projects.
- Developed shared savings DSM incentive mechanisms for utilities in California.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
Rate Department Economist

San Francisco, CA
1981-1985

- Responsible for the technical quality of testimony for all electric rate design filings.
- Responsible for research on customers' behavioral response to conservation and load management programs. The research led to the design and implementation of the first and largest residential time-of-use program in California and a variety of innovative pricing and DSM programs.

Education

Stanford University
Ph.D., Civil Engineering

Palo Alto, CA

Stanford University
M.S., Civil Engineering

Palo Alto, CA

University of California
B.S., Economics

Berkeley, CA

Citizenship

United States

Refereed Papers

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7. Chow, R.F., Horii, B., Orans, R. et. al. (1995), *Local Integrated Resource Planning of a Large Load Supply System*, Canadian Electrical Association.
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Research Reports

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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/1865C207-FEB5-43CF-99EB-A212B78467F6/0/33PercentRPSImplementationAnalysisInterimReport.pdf>
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4. Orans, R., Woo C.K., and Olsen, Arne, *Stepped Rates Report, prepared for BC Hydro and filed with the BCUC, May, 2003.*
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10. Orans, R., Feinstein, C. et. al., (1993), *Distributed Utility Valuation Study, submitted to the Electric Power Research Institute, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and PG&E.*
11. Orans, R., Pupp, R., (1993), *Menomonee Falls Case Study, Submitted to Wisconsin Electric Power Corporation.*
12. Orans, R. and C.K. Woo (1992), *Marginal Cost Disaggregation Study, Report submitted to Wisconsin Electric Power Corporation.*
13. Orans, R., C.K. Woo, J.N. Swisher, B. Wiersma and B. Horii (1992), *Targeting DSM for Transmission and Distribution Benefits: A Case Study of PG&E's Delta District, Report No. TR-100487, Electric Power Research Institute.*

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2. Orans, R., Olson, A., (2008) "Load-Resource Balance in the Western Interconnection : Towards 2020," Working Product for the Western Electric Industry Leaders (WEIL) Group.
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3. Orans, R. (2004), "Evaluating Generating Resources based on a Equivalent Reliability Methodology", 2nd Annual Resource Planning Symposium, Vancouver, Canada.
4. Martin, J., Orans, R., Knapp, K., (2000), "DG Economics and Distribution Rate Design" Western Electric Power Institute, Distributed Generation and the Utility Distribution System Conference, March 22-23, Reno, NV.
5. Orans, R. (1997), "Getting the Transmission Prices Right," Facilitating Cross Border Trade, New Mexico.
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