

Elliot Taubman

I have spent much of my life doing utility representation, mostly for low income groups and environmental matters. On BI I represented the Town in litigation against BIPCO and Interstate. As to Interstate, got a Commuter Fare for Block Island Residents and rolled back proposed freight rate increases. As to BIPCO, succeeded in having the PUC disregard buying fuel by Island Services (owned by the owner of BIPCO) at the PUC and the RI Supreme Court. I was counsel to BIPCO from 1986-2017. I worked with FM and Cell Carriers and the Town to build a telecommunications tower. This gave as much \$200,000 per year to offset potential rate increases; I continued to handle the leases on the Tower as counsel.

My background includes being in Legal Services in CT doing work on all kinds of utilities, including electricity. At the National Consumer Law Center, I established a national backup presence for public side lawyers which included publications, training of professionals and expert testimony. I then worked for the New Mexico AG on utility regulation including municipal utilities. I was recruited to go to New York as AAG in Charge for Energy and Utilities. I left NY to move to BI. Besides representing the Town on utility matters, I was legal counsel for 22 years to the Sewer District and from its inception for the Water District.

I believe my background and experience would add to the expertise of the Utility District.