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MICHAEL KARP & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Michael Karp has been principal since 1991 of a public interest national consulting firm specializing in sustainable energy policy, design, and intervention, with a focus of the special needs of the disadvantaged. Work includes: expert testimony, strategic planning, training and technical assistance, conservation program design/integrated resource planning critique, advocacy.

“Michael Karp is a highly professional and creative man who has the ability to encourage and coordinate people in any team effort.

He is a leader with great intellect and highly creative abilities, who makes significant contributions to any effort with which he is engaged. His career has been of unquestionable benefit to people in places near and far.

He is a strong achiever, a dedicated steward of the environment and a personable individual.”

*Steve Robinson,
 Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission*

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CLIENTS

- U.S. Department of Energy
- National Community Action Foundation
- National Association of State Community Service Providers
- State of California, Public Utilities Commission (Low-Income Governing Board)
- State of Washington Attorney General, Office of Public Counsel
- Natural Resource Defense Council
- State of Utah, Committee of Consumer Services
- National Consumer Law Center (funded by the Energy Foundation)
- Northwest Energy Coalition (funded by the Energy Foundation)
- States of: Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Alaska, Kansas, Virginia, W. Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, Iowa, New York, Alabama, Utah, California

“I have had the pleasure of working with Michael on several projects; most notably on the development of a Governor’s Leadership Summit for Sustainability in Washington. We hired Michael to assist in the design and facilitation of this invitational event. From the beginning, our relationship was highly collaborative. We were in essence planning a high profile one-day workshop, but the intent was to design it so that it would generate excitement, create momentum and foster new relationships dedicated towards advancing sustainability in the state. I feel that we succeeded in no small part due to Michael’s leadership, commitment to the vision and his capacity to hold and manage the many different aspects of creating such an event. ...”

*Lynn Helbrecht, Sustainability Coordinator
Governor’s Executive Policy Office*

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“... Michael Karp’s expertise in and commitment to low-income energy services has been a constant inspiration...”

Ralph Cavanagh, Directing Attorney of the Natural Resources Defense Council Energy Project

CLIENTS

- Community Action Associations of:
 Washington, Oregon, California, Missouri,
 Michigan, Arizona, Kentucky, Hawaii,
 Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania
- Opportunity Council
- * Thailand Energy Regulators
- Community-based organizations in: Montana,
 Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Nevada,
 Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Pennsylvania
- City of Blaine, Washington
- Clark County Department of Community
 Services (Washington State)
- Seattle Public Utilities
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Community,
 Trade and Economic Development
- Multnomah County, Oregon
- American Association of Retired Persons
 (AARP)
- Banobras Investment Bank of Mexico
- Puget Sound Natural Markets Cooperative of
 Seattle (PCC)
- Latino Issues Forum



“.... Michael’s keen vision of possibilities coupled with his effective communication and astute political knowledge, serves as a catalyst in promoting sustainable energy partnerships regionally, nationally and globally.”

*Craig Satein, Housing Director,
 Lane County Housing Authority, Eugene, Oregon*

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NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

A WORLD INSTITUTE FOR
 A SUSTAINABLE HUMANITY
 (A W.I.S.H.) 1995-present

Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of an international non governmental organization with a wide array of sustainability based projects. Projects and board members span six continents and address sustainable agriculture, energy, forestry, water, salmon, and many other issues: training, consulting, technical assistance, strategic planning, and administration.

NORTHWEST ENERGY COALITION (1981-present)

Charter co-founder and two term Chair of a regionwide (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia) energy consumer coalition of over 90 organizations (Utilities, Environmental Groups, Good Government, Unions, Low Income groups, etc.) that has been successfully impacting Northwest energy policy for twenty years. Contractor (1995-present) for Energy Foundation capacity building program targeting tribes, other organizations representing people of color, and low income organizations to both join the Coalition and to participate in electric industry restructuring deliberations in NWEC service territory.

"I have worked with Michael on several Oregon projects that have produced benefits for low-income families. Most important, I believe, was Michael's work in 1997-1999 when he helped organize at least twenty low-income community action agencies and advocacy groups to join with environmentalists and renewable resource advocates to form a unique (and still vital) organization called the Fair and Clean Energy Coalition (FCEC). These groups had before that time not really worked well together, and sometimes were actually at odds. This powerful coalition has become the force to be reckoned with when it comes to energy policy issues in the Oregon Legislature ..."



Steve Weiss, Northwest Energy Coalition

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“Michael Karp cares about those who need help. Michael Karp has always unselfishly fought for those trampled and forgotten. Michael Karp’s vision of a sustainable humanity, wow what a concept.”

Scott Hansen, Native American Weatherization Coordinator (Oregon Territory)

NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (1978-1996)

An administrator for a private non-profit three County Community Action Agency in Northwest Washington State. Responsible for legislative strategy; responsibilities in assisting with agency development and strategic planning. Director of the Housing Division. Excellent success in leveraging public and private sector money for energy efficiency, affordable housing. Leadership role in National, State and Regional public policy on energy policy. Co-initiator and supervisor of the Statewide Energy Project to leverage legislative and utility funds on behalf of the State of Washington’s low-income households.

LAST MILE ELECTRIC COOP

Board member of this Pacific Northwest USA public utility consortium whose mission is to invest in wind power on behalf of its members

NATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CENTER (NCLC) (1995-96)

Contractor charged with drafting document and obtaining the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates to adopt resolutions to hold harmless low income households during electric industry restructuring deliberations in each State. Drafted the first draft of principles to be used nationally by low income energy advocates for this purpose. Also wrote a “manual” in using both the resolutions and principles a a tool for advocates.

PEOPLES ORGANIZATION FOR WASHINGTON’S ENERGY RESOURCES (P.O.W.E.R) (1979-81)

As Chair of federally funded P.O.W.E.R, was part of a team of attorneys, economists, and other advocates that intervened in Washington State utility rate cases on behalf of low income households.

CITIZENS FOR A SOLAR WASHINGTON (1979-81)

Regional Director for this former statewide sustainable and renewable energy organization. (Also past founder of the Whatcom Solar Association.)

“Michael exercises a unique combination of passion and purpose in his work. Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with him have accomplished successes that are meaningful personally, professionally, and community-wide.”

*Rachel Shimshak, Executive Director,
Renewable Northwest Project*

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“Michael’s ability to bring diverse groups together to accomplish tangible results is remarkable. It is a pleasure working with him.”

Steve Weiss, Northwest Energy Coalition

ADVISORY

- Seattle City Light Climate Change Committee (2001)
- San Juan County Affordable Housing Advisory Board (1991-96)
- Puget Sound Power & Light (1983); Collaboratives (1992-94)
- State of Washington Department of Community, Trade, & Economic Development Chair, (1981-89)
- Snohomish PUD (1984)
- Sustainable Connections (2008-9)
- National Low-Income Energy Utilization & Conservation Project (1982) (Sponsored by NASCSP, funded by U.S. Department of Energy)
- Bonneville Power Administration (1983)
- Washington State Energy Office (1981)
- City of Bellingham, Washington (1980)

OTHER

- Co-designed and facilitated the Governor’s Washington Sustainability Leadership Summit, through a contract with the Washington Department of Ecology, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Initiator of the National Ad Hoc Low Income Utility Advocates group. Over eighty advocates representing government, community action agencies, legal services, consultants, and environmental groups and others to promote affordable energy policy in the United States. (1994-present)
- Participant at Schumacher College, Devon, England in a three week study group on sustainability focusing on the Ecology of Commerce and the Natural Step. (Summer-1997)
- Board of Directors, The Last Mile Electric Cooperative. A consortium of public electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States formed to invest in wind turbines.
- Program Director, the Washington Consumer Energy Fund – A two year, \$5 million project, funded by the Seattle Foundation, to subsidize low-income household electricity bills throughout Washington State.

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PUBLIC INTEREST

“... Michael’s greatest skill is pressing organizations to stay focused on optimizing the output, and therefore the success, of their mission ... His passion for sustainability, along with his skill to help others remain focused on mission, enables others to achieve more than they would without his presence ...”

Rick Dubrow, President, A-1 Builders, Washington State

Public Interest Expert Witness/Intervenor/Public Hearing Testimony in:

Washington

- Puget Power rate cases-late 1970s-early 1980s
- Supervised the intervention of the Washington State Association of Community Action Agencies in the Washington Water Power/Sierra Pacific merger filing (1995)
- Puget Power/Washington Natural Gas Merger- Expert Witness for the Washington State Attorney General Office of Public Counsel (1996)
- Puget Sound Energy rate case (2002, 2005)

Wisconsin

- (Electric Industry Restructuring Docket)-provided testimony on behalf of the Wisconsin Community Action Association) (1995)

Arizona

- (Generic statewide IRP)-provided testimony on behalf of the State of Arizona Department of Commerce (State Energy Office) and the Arizona Community Action Association (1994)

Oregon

- Represented public interest parties in the Merger proceeding of ENRON/PGE (1996-97)

Montana

- Represented District XI Human Resource Council in the Montana Power electric restructuring docket (1997-98)

Tennessee

- (TVA IRP)-testified on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Energy Reform Coalition-(1995)

Pennsylvania

- Represented the Commission on Economic Opportunity in various electric restructuring dockets before the PUC-(1997)

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“Michael brings clarity and focus to complex issues, allowing everyone to focus on the heart of the matter and move quickly toward solutions. Michael catalyzes diverse people toward common goals and outcomes.”

Susanne Hindle, Principal, Watermark Communications

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

“SUSTAINABLE NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY” presented at the Third World Congress of Environmental Management in Palampur, India, June 2001

“Leveraging Federal Weatherization Assistance Programs with Utility Demand Side Management Dollars” co-authored with Geoff Crandall and presented at the 1994 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ National Regulatory Research Institute’s 9th Biennial Conference. The paper addresses programmatic leveraging opportunities under the 1992 National Energy Policy Act, utility competition, and other relevant issues from a low income household perspective.

“Plugging People Into Power” co-authored with staff and members of the Northwest Conservation Act Coalition. A comprehensive regionwide energy consumer manual.

“Principles Regarding Low Income Households in an Electric Utility Restructuring Environment” co-authored with Nancy Brockway for the National Consumer Law Center, funded by the Energy Foundation.

AWARDS

REGIONAL: Energy Northwest, 1996

NATIONAL: U.S. Department of Energy, 1993

STATE: State of Washington, 1992
Governors Award from the State of Washington, 2003
State of Idaho, 2005

INTERNATIONAL: Governors award
Kefalonia, Greece 2005



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- Plenary presenter, United Nations Sustainability Partnership Forum, Rome, Italy, 2004.
- Designed and served as faculty for “Taking the Stand,” a two day national training workshop for public interest advocates needing a better understanding of contested regulatory proceedings, (1997, 2002 and 2004).
- Guest speaker on sustainability at Khoiania, 2003, the Crag, South Africa.
- Conducted hundreds of workshops and training sessions throughout the nation, as well as provided strategic planning for many of them.
- Speaker at numerous national conferences; extensive media experience as a columnist and with local radio and television.
- Guest Community Lecturer for the 2002 International Bamboo Construction workshop in Vergiate, Italy.



“ ... Networking is a natural art form for Michael who knows how to grow and nurture meaningful global relationships that constitute the basis of potential virtuous circles. Working with Michael? Always a pleasure as well as a learning experience.”

Jorge Kanahuati, President Enlaces Ambientales, Mexico