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Petra Smeltzer is the Director of Government Affairs at the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) where she oversees all state and federal level outreach and advocacy on behalf of the private water service industry.

Ms. Smeltzer comes to NAWC with broad-based experience in government affairs having worked on the regulatory and legislative fronts at both the federal and state levels. She is skilled in the areas of lobbying, strategic planning, policy management, coalition building and developing strategic alliances. She has a strong background working for trade associations and has represented state government, oil and gas, electricity, electric manufacturing – and now, water.

A few of Ms. Smeltzer's past positions include the American Petroleum Institute as a public policy advisor and liaison; Governor Taft's office (State of Ohio) as a federal liaison managing the Governor's energy and environmental issue portfolio; the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA) as a Washington representative on environmental affairs; and the National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA) on energy efficiency matters on the federal and state levels.