Although this is the second volume of the *Energy Law Journal*, it represents many firsts. It is the first volume to include an article by an economist instead of a lawyer. It also is the first volume to contain notes by law students. This results, in part, from a writing program initiated in the Fall of 1980 by our Association in conjunction with the Georgetown University Law Center. In addition, this volume represents a first effort to publish on topics that are not generally the subject of an energy lawyer’s practice. In this category, are the note on OPEC and my book review.

Another first is that this issue has an Editor’s Page. This gives me the first opportunity to recognize the people who have contributed to Volume No. 1 and this issue. First, the Executive Committee of our Association, under the leadership of Tom Brosnan and Carl Hobelman, enthusiastically has supported this project. Second, the authors and editors have been indispensable in making our Journal a meaningful, respected and circulated publication. Third, Dean John Steadman of the Georgetown University Law Center has added a new dimension to our Journal by encouraging law students to write and submit notes for publication. Finally, this Journal owes an indebtedness to Wendell Adair for his untiring efforts to boost our circulation and to solicit advertising, to Bill Penniman for his able editorial skills and to my secretary, Mary Ann Moore, for admirably performing numerous tasks under pressure.

The future of the Journal is dependent upon its ability to attract significant writings on subjects of energy law. Response from our readers indicates that our first volume has filled a niche and advanced scholarship in this field. It is the continued aim of the Journal to publish articles on topics which are meaningful to practitioners, scholars, consultants and students of energy law.

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