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“Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history.”

- **Abraham Lincoln, Annual Message to Congress, December 1, 1862**

It is indeed an historical time in the annals of energy law in the United States. After years of fits and starts, the U.S. Congress finally passed comprehensive energy legislation. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005) is a watershed event, representing the most sweeping changes to the Federal Power Act and the electricity industry since the New Deal over seventy years ago.

As a result, a number of articles in this edition of the Journal address significant provisions of EPA 2005. We begin with a retrospective on the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA) of 1935 and a view of how things might change in the wake of its repeal in EPA 2005 and new statutory provisions regarding merger review. There are articles addressing EPA 2005's amendments to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, the legal and regulatory issues associated with a hydrogen economy, and developments in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators. Finally, we are pleased to present articles on the history of the North American Energy Standards Board and a possible analogue to OPEC in the increasingly global natural gas industry, namely the Organization of Gas Exporting Countries (OGEC).

The 60th year of the Energy Bar Association (formerly the Federal Power Bar Association and the Federal Energy Bar Association) finds us in the midst of our second leadership transition on the Editorial Board. After setting the “gold standard” as the Journal's Editor-in-Chief for more than twenty five years, Bill Mogel passed the reins to Clint Vince. Having served as the Energy Bar Association's President in 1999–2000 and the Journal's Executive Editor for one and one-half years under Clint's leadership, I am honored now to serve the Association as the new Editor-in-Chief.

I hope to continue in the fine tradition of those who preceded me, and look with excitement to the future. Harvey Reiter has agreed to serve as our new Executive Editor and the Journal is fortunate to have a stellar Editorial Board consisting of some of the finest energy lawyers and practitioners in the United States and abroad, along with the excellent support of the students at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

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