

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

“Google today announced a new strategic initiative [RE<C] to develop electricity from renewable energy sources that will be cheaper than electricity produced from coal.” Google Press Release, Nov. 27, 2007

As this volume of the Energy Law Journal goes to print, we're in the final stages of a U.S. Presidential election campaign that has focused to an inordinate degree on energy and environmental issues. The candidates' positions on the future direction of nuclear power and electricity, coal, oil, natural gas, global warming, cap and trade, and carbon auctions are front page news. Traditional views on such topics are under siege.

Policy makers, market participants, and others keenly interested in the future also are debating these issues. In this volume of the Journal, we are pleased to present far-ranging and interesting articles on many of these energy and environmental areas.

Google's said its RE<C initiative will focus initially on advanced solar thermal power, wind power technologies, enhanced geothermal systems and other potential breakthrough technologies and represented its commitment to a clean and green energy future.

In a somewhat similar vein, I'm pleased to announce that the Energy Law Journal has taken its own small, but significant, step toward a clean and green energy future. In order to reduce our carbon footprint and leave the world a little better than we found it, the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal decided that the time had come to begin printing the Journal on recycled paper. So please enjoy the first volume of the Journal printed on recycled paper, and don't forget to access it on-line, as needed, in the days and years ahead.

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