

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since taking office as President of the Energy Bar Association (EBA) in May, one of my primary areas of focus has been to foster and expand the excellent educational opportunities that EBA provides its membership. EBA's role in keeping its members abreast of current developments in the industry is core to fulfilling its mission of advancing the professional excellence of those engaged in energy law, regulation, and policy, especially against the backdrop of a constantly evolving energy landscape. In this era of transformation, shared scholarship and thought leadership are essential tools in navigating often murky waters. As in years past, the pinnacle of EBA's educational efforts is the publication of the Energy Law Journal (Journal).

This edition of the Journal focuses in on three areas of significant change. Hugh Hilliard and Caileen Gamache's article, "FERC, May I *Now?*," updates a Journal article from ten years ago examining the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction under section 203 of the Federal Power Act in light of modern transaction structures and recent statutory and interpretive changes. Erblina Sejdu's article, "Decarbonizing the World: Can the EU CBAM Provide the Incentive We Need?," provides a searching and multifaceted look at the implications of the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, which recently entered its transitional phase of application. Finally, Doug Roe's piece, "Musings from Behind-the-Meter," asks whether demand charges are still relevant and adaptable to the realities of today's electric system and explores potential alternatives.

In addition to the scholarship and thought leadership in this edition of the Journal, I am also excited about the concurrent issuance of an additional volume of the Journal focusing on Regional Transmission Organization governance. Michael Dworkin, Professor of Law Emeritus at Vermont Law and Graduate School, and Seth Blumsack, Professor of Energy Policy and Economics and Co-Director of the Center for Energy Law and Policy at the Pennsylvania State University, have worked tirelessly in shepherding this additional volume and deserve our gratitude for assembling this unique and informative publication.

The past six months have been full of exciting, thought-provoking, and timely EBA programming and initiatives, and I look forward to many more in the months ahead. I thank all who contributed to these editions of the Journal and am particularly grateful to the Board of Directors and Officers of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal and to Harvey L. Reiter, Editor in Chief, Caileen N. Gamache, Executive Editor, and Nicholas Cicale, Administrative Editor for their work in continuing to make the Journal the national standard of excellence.

Sincerely,  
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President, Energy Bar Association