

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PAGE

*“The only constant in life is change.”* – Heraclitus

*“If you want to make enemies, try to change something.”* – Woodrow Wilson

This edition of the Journal is born of change.

Most notably, this is the first edition in 20+ years without Harvey Reiter at the helm – either as Editor-in-Chief or as Executive Editor to his successor, Bob Fleishman. I was lucky enough to work with and learn from Harvey and Bob for more than a decade. Through their immeasurable voluntary dedication to the Journal, they orchestrated a body of literature that has advanced research and inspired important conversations, provides scholarly resource collections, and that records history. Our industry is indebted to them. They are a difficult act to follow.

Fortunately, I am not alone. You may be surprised at the army of individuals involved in editing the Journal.

Working with me on a daily basis are my left and right hands, Executive Editor Nicholas Cicale and Administrative Editor Mary Yang. We vacillate between being the Three Musketeers and the Three Stooges as we adjust to our new roles, but we are forevermore three amigos bound by this experience.

We rely heavily on our peer review editorial team to ensure articles meet the high Journal standards. Our reviewers often challenge authors and always make articles better. We also have specialized editors for book reviews, international articles, committee reports (led by Gillian Giannetti), and student notes (led by Delia Patterson).

Another battalion works at the University of Tulsa College of Law to edit and cite check all content and coordinate publication and printing. This past year, Hannah Walblay was the tireless student Editor-in-Chief. She recently graduated and we wish her continued success in everything she does. The student editorial board is advised by Professor Buford Pollett, who is the biggest cheerleader the students could have.

The content of this edition also reflects recent changes in our industry.

We face unprecedented load growth driven largely by our demand for energy-intensive artificial intelligence. The authors of our lead article, Christina Hayes and Ruta Skučas, supply sources for staggering statistics about this trend. The focus of the article is the need for change in how FERC regulates transmission to

accommodate demand growth. It seems we all picked the right industry for job security.

Repeat author Jonathan Lesser argues that FERC is “ever-changing” its methodologies for estimating return on equity but has yet to get it right – something he hopes to help rectify. Another repeat Journal author, Justin Gundlach, teamed up with co-author Josh Lappen to analyze the history and consequences of consumers’ transition from gas to electrification in an article likely to spark debate.

Several new authors provide their international perspectives: one discusses changes (and their consequences) in Mexico’s electric regulatory regime, and two co-authors use Norway as a base case to illustrate the changing global legal landscape of climate litigation.

This edition also illuminates a somewhat dirty story behind certain aspects of the energy transition. Our book reviewers independently selected books that trace some modern technology components to unsavory origins. Jennifer Gentile tackles this subject in her article in the context of advocating for a transition away from lithium-ion batteries toward sodium-ion batteries as a more sustainable option. Two other co-authors consider the energy transition more broadly through the lens of siting infrastructure, discussing the tensions between energy justice values and accelerating renewable development.

We have lots of great content in what is one of the largest editions of the Journal ever. Please enjoy, learn something new, debate a colleague, and continue your good work advancing the industry.

Respectfully,

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