

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the latest edition of the *Energy Law Journal*. This issue contains timely and intriguing articles on energy policy in the Obama Administration, financing the nuclear renaissance, the impact of transmission corridor designations, and future prospects for plug-in hybrids. This volume of the Journal also includes current reports from EBA's substantive committees on antitrust, legislation, oil pipeline regulation, reliability, natural gas, climate change and emissions, state regulation, and nuclear developments.

The Journal is one of the many resource benefits that you receive as a member of the Energy Bar Association. EBA also provides first rate educational programs and seminars dedicated to an in-depth analysis of energy law and policy. In addition to being educational, these events are valuable networking and professional development opportunities. This year, EBA will sponsor two national level programs and primers in Washington, D.C. And each of the EBA's six Regional Chapters will sponsor conferences on current energy topics. EBA's twenty-one committees also are involved in producing numerous energy-focused lunch-time ("brown bag") seminars featuring distinguished speakers on emerging issues of special interest to our members.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the EBA's Mid-Year Meeting on December 3 and the *Smart Grid Primer* on December 4, 2009. The Mid-Year program entitled "Energy Markets, Renewables and Change" will address an array of issues currently facing the energy industry and will feature in-depth discussion by leading policy makers, regulators, attorneys, and other experts. Following the meeting, come join the festivities at the CFEBA's Annual Gala Event entitled "Renew Your Energy for Giving" with live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to celebrate with your colleagues and contribute to a worthy cause. On Friday, December 4th, EBA will hold a very timely Primer on "Smart Grid" with FERC Chairman Wellinghoff, among other distinguished speakers.

The EBA takes great pride in the unparalleled excellence of the Energy Law Journal, and is especially indebted to its Editor-in-Chief, Bob Fleishman, as well as our other members who devote their time to working with the student editors and staff to produce it.

Now is a perfect time to step forward and contribute your energy and unique insights to an EBA committee, activity, or publication. Your experience and knowledge are infinitely valuable, not only to fellow members and students, but also to the future of the energy field.

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