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This issue commences the *Journal's* fourteenth year of service to the bar, bench, academia, and professionals involved in the energy industries.

Change seems to be the characteristic that best describes the state of affairs underlying energy law. A new statute, the Energy Policy Act, a different set of commissioners at FERC, the Administration's broad reaching Btu tax, a "restructured" pipeline industry as a result of Order No. 636 and possibly favored trading relationships with Canada and Mexico because of NAFTA are examples of this change.

Over the years of its publication, the *Journal* has recorded the ebb and flow of change and also has sought to be a forum for issues affecting the future of energy law. In fulfilling this task, the *Journal* has become one of the premier publications in the field. Simply, sustained physical, intellectual and material contributions by many talented and generous people are the reason for the *Journal's* success.

With this issue, the "retirement" and dedicated service of Carol A. Smoots is recognized. She served for many years as co-editor of the Committee Reports, and has been a joy to have as a colleague.

Looking to the future, the *Journal* will continue its mission of recording the current state of energy law, as well as alerting its dedicated readers of changes.

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