

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

38. Federal-State Jurisdiction III: Jurisdictional Peace Requires Joint Purpose

Since our utility industries are interstate, federal–state jurisdictional overlap is unavoidable; yet this interdependency still produces irritability. Outcomes will improve if the state commissions act as co-regulators rather than consumer advocates. Having described the problems, let’s start toward solutions, using a simple principle: Jurisdictional peace requires joint purpose.

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