

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

46. Interconnection Animus: Do Regulatory Procedures Create a “Tragedy of the Commons”?

No one disputes the benefits of interconnectedness: accessible air travel, job mobility, telecommuting, economies from interregional trade. Yet regulatory efforts to increase electrical interconnectedness draw opposition, seemingly reflexive, always intense. Embedded in regulatory practice and culture, this behavior is not cost-free; public benefits are delayed and diminished. Can we make adjustments, or is opposition inevitable?

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