

## **Preside or Lead?**

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

# **48. Regulatory “Settlements”: When Do Private Agreements Serve the Public Interest?**

State commissions are seeing more filings: rate cases, requests for pre-approvals of major capital investments, corporate restructurings. Commissions also are starting proceedings themselves, investigating carbon reduction options, transmission construction, and renewable energy.

At the same time, commission staffs are shrinking due to hiring freezes and retirements . . . .

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