

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

55. Commission Positioning I: Five Actions for Influence

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Today's trends point every which way. In local telecommunications services, legislatures press to diminish government regulation, even as they draw government into broadband investment. Smart grid opens the possibility of consumer empowerment and diverse service providers, even as nuclear power proponents look to lock in customers to a single utility supplier (ensuring the fixed dollar flow needed to make nuclear bankable). Some states are reevaluating their commitments to retail competition in gas, while others are reopening their prior rejection of retail competition in electricity . . .

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