

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF ENERGY REGULATION

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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Proposal Announcement

Virtual Symposium on the Law and Economics of Energy Regulation

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Global energy markets are facing fundamental changes wrought by the coronavirus, a new U.S. Supreme Court, and shifting state and federal policies. Reduced travel and economic activity are depressing the demand for energy and lowering prices. Despite these challenging conditions, many states continue to pursue low-carbon policies, and investor preferences – reflected in Environmental, Social & Corporate Governance criteria – continue to expand.

These transformative changes are posing significant regulatory risks. Gaining access to land and markets is increasingly expensive due to lawsuits, administrative actions, and investor boycotts that discourage, if not block, the construction and operation of energy infrastructure. Meanwhile, wind and solar mandates and subsidies are contributing to increasingly complex challenges for ensuring the reliability of electricity networks. Finally, the Green New Deal and related initiatives propose a complete transition to renewable energy and cessation of fossil fuel production on public lands. At the core of these issues is the law and economics of energy regulation. Accordingly, we invite scholars to submit proposals for a virtual symposium on energy regulatory policy issues affecting the future of fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Ideally, the proposals should involve papers suitable for publication in peer-reviewed journals, integrating economic and legal analysis of the following issues associated with:

- Leasing bans and drilling moratoriums on federal lands,
- Mandates and portfolio standards for renewable energy,
- Tax and regulatory incentives to promote carbon sequestration,
- Electric vehicle policies for rate payers,
- Decommissioning renewable energy and related storage facilities,
- The material requirements for deep decarbonization,
- Pricing of renewables and impacts on coal and nuclear power,
- Green building codes for buildings and homes,
- Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines, export terminals, and electrical transmission,
- The economic value of electricity capacity and grid reliability, and
- Regulations on upstream fossil fuel production, leasing, and environmental analyses.

The symposium will include a keynote speaker and scholars presenting papers on the law and economics of energy regulation. Proposals are due February 1, 2021 and completed papers by May 15, 2021. The symposium will be held online Saturday June 5, 2021. Once a slate of papers is accepted, the organizers will seek publication of the papers in a special issue of a peer reviewed journal. The honorarium for each paper is \$2,500 supported with funds provided from CERPA and the Charles Koch Foundation with the usual disclaimer that the findings by the authors do not necessarily reflect those of the sponsoring entities.

Please submit proposals prior to the deadline to serforum@uwyo.edu