

HIGH LEVEL COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLES

21-22 MARCH 2018

The High Level Commissioner Round Tables are sessions, by invitation only, where commissioners from different regulatory bodies will exchange their personal experiences, trends, and strategic foresight on topics of current relevance. The objective is to have a rich discussion, in an executive environment, to promote the free flow of ideas for the benefit of the highest decision makers in the regulatory bodies worldwide.

Date	Sector/Theme	Round Table Name and Objective
Wednesday, March 21-2018	Gas	<p>REGULATORY RESPONSES TO A NASCENT GLOBAL LNG MARKET Moderator: Mrs. Colette Honorable, Partner, Reed Smith LLP Global Energy and Natural Resources Group</p> <p>Objective: To discuss commissioners' questions and reactions to an evolving global LNG market. Which have been the responses taken by importing/exporting markets and access regulations to LNG facilities? What has and has not worked? What do commissioners think should be the future of regulating gas infrastructure as a global gas market develops?</p>
	Innovation	<p>HOW ARE ENERGY REGULATORS DEALING WITH DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES? Moderator: Commissioner Jesus Serrano Landeros, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p>Objective: Which have been the recent responses to a forefront on regulatory innovation? Are regulators incentivizing innovation? Are they recouping innovation costs via rates? What has worked, and what has not? Looking forward: What should be the role of regulators in a time of fully decentralized energy systems? What should be their role in a scenario where consumers will be empowered by technologies, and utilities -as we know them- may not succeed in the future?</p>
	Independence	<p>ISSUES ON GOVERNANCE AND INDEPENDENCE OF REGULATORS Moderator: Commissioner Montserrat Ramiro Ximénez, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p>Objective: To discuss why an independent regulator is a pivotal issue to guarantee an efficient development of the energy sector. Moreover, the aim is to analyze how theory has been put into practice; what are the latest trends?; what lessons have been learnt? Which angles of independence have been key for some regulators? Which actions have been taken in regulatory reforms, or others?</p>
Thursday, March 22-2018	Gender balance	<p>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEMALE COMMISSIONERS IN A MALE-CENTRIC INDUSTRY Moderator: Commissioner Montserrat Ramiro Ximénez, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p>Objective: To discuss gender balance practices at the highest level of regulatory bodies. Does following gender quotas affect regulators decision-making boards? What are the challenges and opportunities that female commissioners face? How will the future of the energy landscape look if a fully gender balance approach in regulatory agencies is achieved?</p>
	Judicial	<p>RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGULATORS AND THE JUDICIARY (DISPUTE RESOLUTION) Moderator: Mr. Luigi Carbone, Chair of the Jurisdictional Chamber at the Supreme Administrative Court, Italy</p> <p>Objective: Dispute resolution is a key element of modern regulation, particularly when it occurs in courts or the judiciary circle. The purpose of this session is to discuss the relationship between regulators and the judiciary; how such interactions happen? What are the practical lessons learned? How can over litigation of regulation in courts be avoided? What is seen as good practices? What are the experiences of Commissioners given their recent experiences?</p>
	Electricity	<p>REGULATING AND MONITORING ZERO-VARIABLE-COST POWER MARKETS OF THE FUTURE Moderator: Commissioner Marcelino Madrigal Martinez, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p>Objective: Renewable energy prices are dismally falling; negative prices are common in many spot markets. Which have been the actual regulatory or market design responses to negative spot prices? Have these solutions worked? Will solutions be sustainable in the long-run? Which recommendations can be given to early adopters to integrate some renewables? How would network regulation look in the era of fully decentralized energy systems? How will the market design of the zero-cost renewable energy look like? How will stranded costs be handled?</p>

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		Innovation	<p>HOW ARE ENERGY REGULATORS DEALING WITH DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES? MODERATOR: MR. JESUS SERRANO LANDEROS Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MR. JP MORGAN CEO, Cayman's New Utility Regulation and Competition Office, Cayman Islands MR. JOSEP MARÍA GUINART Vice-President Iº, Vice-President of ARIAE and Commissioner of the National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC), Spain MS. CRISTINA PORTUGAL President, Energy Services Regulatory Authority, Portugal MR. OVE FLATAKER Deputy Director General, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate, Norway MRS. LORRAINE H. AKIBA Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, United States MRS. DIANE X. BURMAN Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission, United States MR. DAVID W. DANNER Chairman, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, United States MR. TRAVIS KAVULLA Vice Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission, United States MR. KEN QUESNELLE Vice Chair, Ontario Energy Board, Canada MR. MURRAY DOEHLER Board Member, Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, Canada MR. LOUIS LEGAULT Chair, Canada's Energy and Utility Regulators (CAMPUT), Canada MR. JUAN CARLOS MARTÍNEZ Adviser, Regulatory Authority for Public Services (ARESEP), Costa Rica MR. GUILLERMO PINEDA BERNAL Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico MR. ANDRÉ PEPITONE 2nd VP of ARIAE and Director of the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (ANEEL), Brazil
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Gender
balance

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEMALE COMMISSIONERS IN A MALE-CENTRIC INDUSTRY

MODERATOR: MRS. MONTSERRAT RAMIRO XIMÉNEZ,
Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico

- 1 **MR. DAVID W. DANNER**
Chairman, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, United States
- 2 **MRS. ESTER KHOSA**
Chairperson, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), Zimbabwe
- 3 **MS. KARINE MONTEIRO**
Commissioner, Economic Regulation Agency, Cabo Verde
- 4 **LORD JOHN MOGG**
Founder, International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), UK
- 5 **MRS. LORRAINE H. AKIBA**
Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, United States
- 6 **MRS. MARIA MANICUTA**
Director General, Network Access and Authorisation Department / Electricity Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority, Romania
- 7 **MRS. IFEY IKEONU**
Energy Policy and Regulation Consultant, and Executive Director at EcoGreen Foundation, Ghana

Judicial

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGULATORS AND THE JUDICIARY (DISPUTE RESOLUTION)

MODERATOR: MR. LUIGI CARBONE,
Chair of the Jurisdictional Chamber at the Supreme Administrative Court, Italy

- 1 **MR. ANSORD HEWITT**
Director General, Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR), Jamaica
- 2 **MS. CRISTINA PORTUGAL**
President, Energy Services Regulatory Authority, Portugal
- 3 **MRS. ANNE VADASZ NILSSON**
Director General and Vice President, Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate, Council of European Energy Regulators, Sweden
- 4 **MR. KEN QUESNELLE**
ViceChair, Ontario Energy Board, Canada
- 5 **MR. VITALY KOROLEV**
Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation, Russia
- 6 **MS. CRISTINA CIFUENTES**
Commissioner, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Australia
- 7 **MR. MARIO MORA**
Director for Energy, Regulatory Authority for Public Services (ARESEP), Costa Rica
- 8 **MR. CLAYTON BLACKMAN**
Chairman, OOCUR, Jamaica
- 9 **MR. ALEXANDER VARSHAVSKY**
Director General, Natural Gas Authority (NGA), Israel
- 10 **MR. GUILLERMO PINEDA BERNAL,**
Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico
- 11 **MRS. NEUS PENICHE SALA**
Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico

Electricity

REGULATING AND MONITORING ZERO-VARIABLE-COST POWER MARKETS OF THE FUTURE

MODERATOR: MR. MARCELINO MADRIGAL MARTINEZ,
Commissioner, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico

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President of Europe's Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and Chair of the Board of Regulators of the European Union's Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), Belgium
- 2 **MR. ATTILA NYIKOS**
ERRA Vice-Chairman Vice-President for International Affairs of the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HEA), Hungary
- 3 **MR. DAVID E. ZIEGNER**
Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, United States
- 4 **MR. DAVID MORTON**
Chair, British Columbia Utilities Commission, Canada
- 5 **MR. DIETMAR PREINSTORFER**
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- 6 **MR. FERNANDO HERNÁNDEZ**
Director General for Energy, National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC), Spain
- 7 **MR. GUIDO BORTONI**
President, Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity, Gas and Water, Italy
- 8 **MR. MÄRT OTS**
General Director of Estonian Competition Authority, Estonia
- 10 **MR. RAYMOND GORMAN**
Chair, New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board, Canada
- 11 **MR. GUILLERMO IGNACIO GARCÍA ALCOCER**
Chairman, Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE), Mexico
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Director of electricity, Ministry of energy, mines, water and environment, Morocco

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