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# *The ICER Chronicle*

## Call for Articles

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## 1 Purpose of the ICER Chronicle

The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation among electricity and gas regulators from around the globe. Our aim is to improve public and policy-maker awareness and understanding of energy regulation and its role in addressing a wide spectrum of socio-economic, environmental and market issues. Through ICER, energy regulatory issues can transcend regional and national boundaries and be addressed through dialogue and cooperation on a global scale.

The [International Confederation of Energy Regulators launched the \*ICER Chronicle\* in 2013](#) to promote an international exchange of regulatory research and expertise. This bi-annual publication works to promote global dialogue and cooperation around energy regulatory issues, transcending regional and national boundaries. Articles in each issue provide a variety of perspectives on navigating the changing energy sector, with an eye toward improved service and bettering quality of life for millions of people.

The updated publication is redesigned as a contemporary magazine with quality graphics and great storytelling. We have standing sections to include brief items highlighting new appointments or retirements, new programs, important meetings, or conferences. The feature articles will run 1,000 to 2,000 words, addressing the chosen theme topic for each issue. Our theme for the re-launch is:

**ICER Begins Its Second Decade.** What are the most significant developments or trends regarding energy regulation (for example, deployment of new transmission, growth of renewable energy, or innovative regulation) that have occurred in your region in the past decade?

**The 11th issue is scheduled for December 2021.**

The ICER Chronicle is open to submissions from regulators, academia, industry, consultants, and others (such as consumer groups).

## 2 Specifications

- **Feature articles:** Feature articles should range from 1,000 to 2,000 words in length. In accordance with the official working language of ICER, papers must be submitted in the English language. New papers and papers previously published or delivered in other venues after December 2019, will be considered. Articles should be written in a



magazine, column style format with an emphasis on story-telling, connecting with readers, and translating technical topics into accessible, approachable language.

- **Academic and research papers:** In our relaunch, the *ICER Chronicle* will no longer publish full length academic articles. Academics and researchers are instead encouraged to submit abstracts or brief write-ups of their work. The abstracts and write-ups should range from 300 to no more than 500 words.
- **Brief news items:** The ICER Chronicle will additionally accept submissions of brief news items highlighting new appointments or retirements, new programs, important meetings, conferences, and more. For inclusion in the publication, please submit your topic and a brief description of 150 to 200 words.
- **Photography:** Great story-telling and great images go hand-in-hand. We accept visual stories and photographs demonstrating evolving energy sector issues as well as positive impacts on quality of life and growth. For more information on submitting photography or visual stories, including details and requirements, email the ICER Chronicle managing editor Kate Griffith at [kate.griffith@utc.wa.gov](mailto:kate.griffith@utc.wa.gov).

All submissions may be authored by one or more persons. If feature articles or academic and research paper submissions have previously been published, please include descriptions by the applicant of if/when the submission was published and/or delivered at a conference. Feature articles must also be accompanied by a brief 75-word biography of the author(s) and a headshot image. Members of the Editorial Board are not precluded from submitting articles.

All entries will remain the property of the author(s). Papers selected for The *ICER Chronicle* may be published and diffused on ICER's and its members' websites.

**Desired theme for Feature articles:**

The chosen theme is "Energy Industry Disruption" with the main question: What is changing the energy industry most in your region or country?

**Brainstormed Energy Disruption Ideas:**

- Achieving Net Zero emissions
  - Rethinking our role in light of net zero emissions targets:
    - to assist in achieving net zero targets (where our mandate allows) and
    - minimizing impacts to ratepayers arising from it (e.g. reducing risk of utility/customer stranded investments).
- Climate Change Adaptation
  - How does the changing climate affect energy (wildfires, extreme weather, floods, drought), and rethinking our role as utility regulators in light of these changes (and considering new approaches)
- AI/Technology
  - How does new technology affect utilities (cyber, smart grid, new energy sources etc.) and rethinking our role as utility regulators in light of these changes (and considering new approaches)
- Indigenous Communities
  - The need to engage with Indigenous Communities to get their input into our decisions is more important than ever. How do we ensure that their voices are heard?
- Misinformation
  - We are living in an age when people are getting their information from non-



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traditional sources. How is misinformation affecting the energy industry (including public policy development) and what is our role as a 'trusted source of information' in addressing it (compare to public health authorities and COVID)

- Others?
  - What is causing industry disruption in your region/country?

Articles with other themes will also be considered.

### 3 Criteria

Submissions will be considered that are:

- **Practical and useful:** Does the submission provide tangible benefits for the international community of energy regulators? Does the submission provide ease of use and adaptability by national regulatory agencies?
- **Potential for impact.** Does the submission have the potential to affect policy change? Does the content directly affect the work of regulators and/or impact other energy issues? Does the submission present an insightful idea?
- **Relevance.** Does the submission provide information that will be relevant for the next few years?
- **Quality of work.** Is the submission easy to read and understand? Is the writing compelling and the story-telling interesting? (This does not refer to whether facts/data/analysis have been verified.)

Each edition of The ICER Chronicle will include a selection of articles that is applicable to ICER's diverse international membership. Please note that the Editorial Board has the right to disqualify submissions that are seen as advertising a specific commercial product or consulting service.



## 4 Submission Process

This is an open call for articles. CEER members/observers submit articles by email to [martina.schusterova@ceer.eu](mailto:martina.schusterova@ceer.eu).

ICER members may also submit articles on their own behalf or on behalf of an author, provided they have confirmed with the candidate and he/she has given approval and meets all required specifications and criteria.

At minimum, all submissions must address the above-mentioned criteria. Submissions must include:

- A working title
- Author(s)'s name and best contact e-mail, as well as author bio and high-resolution headshot
- A complete article or news item submission (with the exception of photography, no pitches will be accepted)
- High-resolution photos, images, and graphics to go along with the article, as relevant

Authors must be available to answer questions following submission.

The 11th issue of the ICER Chronicle is scheduled for publication in December 2021, **all articles must be submitted by September 27, 2021.**

## 5 Selection Process

ICER has selected an Editorial Board, which will make final decisions on which articles to include in each edition of the ICER Chronicle. This is not considered a formal academic journal or news publication and as such, articles will be selected by the Editorial Board but will not be subject to a stringent peer review process. In addition, articles will be selected or declined as they were submitted; ICER will not provide substantive comments or edits.

### 5.1 Selection Timeline

- September 6, 2021 – Public Call for Articles
- September 27, 2021 – Deadline for Submission of Articles (24:00 London time)
- December 2021 – Publication of the ICER Chronicle

## 6 Editorial Board

The Editorial Board is comprised of a diverse group of international experts drawn from regulators, utilities, academia, consultants, and others. Individuals were nominated by ICER member regional regulatory associations and boast a range of stakeholder perspective from around the world.