



INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

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John Betkoski III (USA) Named New Chair of the Energy Regulators' Global Body

Today, the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER¹) unanimously elected **John Betkoski III² (USA)** as its new Chairman. ICER is the global confederation of energy regulators.

Betkoski is the Second Vice President of the U.S. energy regulators' association, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and is Vice Chair of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

At international level, Betkoski has been actively involved in ICER since its inception in 2009 and continues to chair the ICER working group on Regulatory Best Practices. Since May 2015, he has served as ICER's Vice Chair (alongside the other Vice Chair, Susana Cazorla of Mexico). The now vacant ICER Vice Chair position will be filled from within ICER's membership in the coming months.

"As a Commissioner, I have witnessed first-hand the massive benefits of the collaboration of energy regulators from around the world through the ICER framework," said Betkoski. "It is a privilege to lead the global association of energy regulators, working together with fellow regulators to tackle energy challenges."

Betkoski's appointment takes effect immediately, for a term of almost two years³ until the end of the 7th World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) in May 2018. He takes over as head of ICER from Alparslan Bayraktar (Turkey), who resigned recently as ICER Chair.

To learn more about ICER and its members and the 7th WFER in Mexico, visit www.icer-regulators.net.

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Notes for editors

1. Established in October 2009 at the fourth World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER IV), the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. ICER aims 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, regulators exchange information and best practices in the regulation field and contribute to the evolution towards a sustainable planet.

ICER's membership includes over 200 regulatory authorities and spans 6 continents including regional regulatory associations: AEMC, AFUR, ARIAE, CAMPUT, CEER, EAPIRF, Elcom, ERRA, MEDREG, NARUC, OOCUR, RERA and SAFIR.

2. Since May 2007, John "Jack" Betkoski III is Vice Chairman of Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Mr Betkoski has served on Connecticut's utility regulatory authority since July 1997. As Commissioner, he specialises in water utility issues. He is a past president of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners (NECPUC) and serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He is a former State Legislator. At international level, he was elected ICER Vice Chair in May 2015 and he leads ICER's work on regulatory best practices, which includes ICER bi-annual publication, the ICER Chronicle, and ICER's Women in Energy initiative. He received his B.A. from Sacred Heart University, and his M.S. and Sixth Year Diploma in Advanced Studies in Administration and Supervision from Southern Connecticut State University.
3. The ICER Steering Group comprising 11 regional associations of regulators and the energy regulatory authorities of Australia and Switzerland elect the ICER Chair (and Vice Chairs). The Chair of ICER is typically appointed for an approximate 3-year period between the tri-annual World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER), a flagship convention organised by energy regulators. With the resignation of Mr Bayraktar (who was elected ICER Chair in May 2015), his successor, Mr Betkoski, will serve as ICER Chair until the next World Forum in May 2018.

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