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## **International Energy Regulatory Body Elects Schmerler of Peru as Chair**

CANCUN, Mexico—The International Confederation of Energy Regulators has elected Daniel Schmerler of Peru as its new chair during the just-concluded World Forum on Energy Regulation in Cancun, Mexico. Schmerler's term begins today and concludes in 2021.

Schmerler serves as the president of the Organismo Supervisor de la Inversión en Energía y Minería, Peru's national regulator of energy and mines. He also serves as president of the Asociación Iberoamericana de Entidades Reguladoras de la Energía, the regional body for energy regulators in Latin America.

Schmerler is a lawyer, specializing in Competition and Administrative Law, Economic and Network Industry Regulation, with a focus in Energy and Telecommunication Infrastructure.

"At this critical time in energy regulation, ICER provides us with an important forum to come together, share best practices and identify solutions to the most pressing regulatory challenges of our time. I will make efforts to continue integrating the various regional associations through dialogue and identification of the challenges they face," Schmerler said. "I am humbled by the support of my colleagues around the world and I thank outgoing Chair Betkoski for his leadership and service to ICER and its members."

Schmerler also will work to strengthen the Women in Energy Initiative during his term as chair by providing women in energy regulation with networking opportunities and training.

He succeeds John W. "Jack" Betkoski III as ICER Chair. Betkoski is the vice chairman of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and president of the U.S. National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

The ICER chair provides strategic direction for the organization and facilitates its development in collaboration with the organization's main policy and administrative body, the ICER Steering Committee. The chair is the principal representative of ICER internationally and is appointed for the period between each World Forum.

During the World Forum, ICER members also elected two vice chairs: Susanna Cazorla of Mexico, who is currently ICER Vice Chair and serves as a director at the Comisión Reguladora de Energía, and David Danner of the U.S., chairman of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Both Cazorla and Danner will serve three-year terms ending in 2021.

The candidates were elected unanimously.

**About ICER:** Including over 200 regulatory authorities across six continents, ICER is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. Its 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. For more information, please visit <http://icer-regulators.net/>.

**About the World Forum:** The World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) is the leading international conference on energy regulation, held only once every three years. Key energy industry players, high-level policymakers, academics and regulators from all over the world gather here to engage in strategic and meaningful conversations.