



## INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

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#### **Global cooperation at its very best – energy regulators lead by example**

The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), where energy regulators collaborate to share best practice, was founded in October 2009. Its meetings are primarily virtual. Three years on, ICER has showcased its significant achievements at the Fifth World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER V), from 13-16 May in Quebec City, Canada. The WFER V conference proceedings are posted on [www.worldforumv.org](http://www.worldforumv.org).

#### ***Energy regulators publish 4 international reports***

The result of this global cooperation by energy regulators is 4 major reports (with international case studies) just published by ICER: one on Guaranteeing Reliability and Security of Supply; one on Renewable Energy and Distributed Generation, one on Smart Meters, and one on Competitiveness and Affordability issues. 3 of the reports have an accompanying easy-to-read factsheet. All publications are freely available on the ICER website.

Commenting on what can be achieved through voluntary cooperation, ICER President, Lord Mogg, said:

*“Congratulations to the 12 regional regulatory associations of energy regulators (RRAs) who make up ICER. With a strong commitment and relatively little cost, they have worked over the past 3 years, exploring ways to promote security of supply on a global scale, re-thinking regulatory tools to promote renewables, and addressing smart metering, competitiveness and affordability issues. This tri-annual World Forum is a rare occasion for us to meet face to face. We leave WFER V in Quebec with renewed vigour and commitment to continue to do all we can to spread regulatory best practice globally.”*

#### ***Who’s who at ICER?***

Founding ICER Chair, Lord Mogg (CEER, Great Britain), was unanimously reappointed ICER Chair and David C Boyd (NARUC, Minnesota) was elected to the newly created ICER Vice Chair position. Both appointments are for a 3-year period until WFER VI in 2015.

ICER’s 2012-2015 work programme, leading up to the next World Forum (VI) in Istanbul, Turkey in 2015 will be managed by four virtual working groups (VWGs);

*Opening of Markets*

Chair: Francisco Barnés (ARIAE, Mexico),

Vice Chair: Hafez El-Salmawy (MEDREG, Egypt)

*Technological change and renewables*

Chair: Yvonne Fredriksson (CEER, Sweden)

*Small consumers*

Chair: Ken Quesnelle (CAMPUT, Ontario)

*Regulatory best practice:*

Chair: John Betkoski III (NARUC, Connecticut)



## Notes to editors

- The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. ICER's aim is to improve public and policy-maker awareness and understanding of energy regulation. By establishing this voluntary confederation, with regular and structured contacts and cooperation, regulators exchange information and best practices in the regulation field and contribute to the evolution towards a sustainable planet. Our membership includes over 200 national regulatory authorities from 12 regional regulatory associations. ICER is currently chaired by Lord Mogg, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and Chair of the Board of Regulators of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).
- For the period 2009-2012, the four themes were: reliability and security of supply; climate change; competitiveness and affordability; and regulatory best practices.
- See the [ICER Report "Role of Energy Regulators in Guaranteeing Reliability and Security of Supply - National, Regional and Global Dimensions"](#) (March 2012) and accompanying [Fact Sheet on ICER's Security of Supply Report](#) (FS-12-01, May 2012).
- See the [ICER Report "Renewable Energy and Distributed Generation: International Case Studies on Technical and Economic Considerations"](#) (January 2012) and the accompanying [Fact Sheet on ICER's RES and DG Report](#) (FS-12-02, May 2012).
- See the [ICER Report "Experiences on the Regulatory Approaches to the Implementation of Smart Meters"](#) (March 2012) and the accompanying [Fact Sheet on ICER's Smart Metering Report](#) (FS-12-03, May 2012).
- See the [ICER Report "Examples of Methodologies Utilized to Manage Competitiveness and Affordability Issues related to the Introduction of Renewable Forms of Electricity Generation and New Technologies"](#) (April 2012).
- The ICER Opening of Markets Virtual Working Group is supported by Raúl Yunta, (CEER, CNE), coordinator of the working group.
- To learn more about ICER, its members and its publications visit: [www.icer-regulators.net](http://www.icer-regulators.net) or see the ICER Fact Sheet (FS-12-04, May 2012)

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