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JANKAUSKAS, VIDMANTAS

Former Chairman, National Control Commission for Energy and Prices, Lithuania

Dr. Vidmantas Jankauskas studied at the Vilnius University and worked for twenty years at the Lithuanian Energy Institute, researching energy economics. He received his doctorate in 1983 and doctor habilitation degree in 1994. Since 1995, he was professor of economics at the Vilnius University. In February 1997, he was appointed by the President of Lithuania as a Chairman of the National Control Commission for Prices and Energy, the independent energy regulator. In April 2002, he was re-appointed for the second five-year term. Vidmantas Jankauskas is a member of the International Association for Energy Economics. Between 2002-2003, he was Vice-Chairman of the Energy Regulators Regional Association and its Chairman from 2003 until 2005.



KADERJÁK, PÉTER

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Dr Péter Kaderják was President of the Hungarian Energy Office; Associate Professor in the Microeconomics Department at Budapest University of Economics; and former Chairman of the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA). Mr. Kaderják was previously Chief of the Minister's Cabinet and Secretary of the Economic Committee of the Hungarian Government. From 1998-1999, he served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Privatization and Asset Holding Company. Prior to that, he was

Senior Environmental Policy Advisor and member of the Policy Advisory Working Group with the Harvard Institute for International Development in Budapest. He served as Co-ordinator for the Phare-ACE Project, Environmental Implications of Economic Transition in Hungary. Mr. Kaderják began his career in economics as a Lecturer in the Department of Business Economics at Budapest University of Economics in 1987. He has participated in training workshops in the United States and Austria. From 1989-1990, he was a Visiting Research Assistant of economic psychology at Erasmus University. Mr. Kaderják has been a Member of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) since 1993.



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Mr. Kovács took a degree in Economics (specialization in accounting) from Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration in 2000. In that year he joined to the Hungarian Energy Office as an economic analyst and worked for the Electricity Licensing Department. One year later he became a member of a newly established department of the Office: Economic Research and Environmental Protection. He was responsible for developing the monitoring system of the economic performance of the energy undertakings. In November 2003 he was appointed head of department and now is involved in the following topics: tariff calculation, stranded cost payments, market model issues, unbundling, emission trading, renewable support scheme.



WITMER, JOSEPH K. Esq.

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Mr. Witmer has worked in the public utility sector, with a particular focus on telecommunications and energy, in Massachusetts, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Prior to

entering the public utility sector, Mr. Witmer worked in environmental law at a law firm and was an instructor at Northeastern University's University College for 10 years. While at Northeastern University, Mr. Witmer specialized in political philosophy and comparative government. Mr. Witmer also developed additional studies for upper class students on topics such as the politics of genocide, environmental regulation, and the economic integration of nation-states on a regional basis.

Mr. Witmer has been with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's since 1993. He has worked on utility matters in the Commission's Office of Special Assistants (OSA) and is currently with the Law Bureau. He previously served as Counsel to Commissioner Aaron Wilson, Jr. at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Mr. Witmer participated in prior international exchange presentations on telecommunications and energy regulation for other national delegations including India, Egypt, and Azerbaijan. Mr. Witmer attended Susquehanna University, the University of Detroit School of Law, Northeastern University, and Harvard University. He lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.



HAKVOORT, R. A.

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Dr.ir. Rudi Hakvoort has in-depth knowledge and experience in the area of energy network regulation and market functioning. As an associate professor at the faculty Technology, Policy and Management of Delft University of Technology, he currently studies the design and organisation of liberalised energy markets. From 1998–2005, dr.ir. Hakvoort directed the department Market and Infrastructure of the Dutch Office for Energy Regulation where he was responsible for network quality and capacity development, interconnection, congestion management, market design and market development, market surveillance and also for the 2004 decision on behalf of the Dutch government on the NorNed-cable, the 700 MW DC electricity link between the Netherlands and Norway (to be commissioned in 2008).

Dr.ir. Hakvoort was chairman of the working group on Congestion Management of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) from 2000–2004. Furthermore, dr.ir. Hakvoort is contributing to the Florence School of Regulation at the European University (Florence, Italy).

CORE EXPERTISE:

Network quality and quality regulation, unbundling, network operation, access regulation, capacity development, investment, congestion management, market design, spot and balancing markets, market surveillance, network and system codes, metering and settlement.



BISLIMI, BESNIK

Professor, American University in Kosovo

Dr. Bislimi received Bachelor of Science degree in Macroeconomic Analysis from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Zagreb in 1994. Dr. Bislimi completed his PhD in Economics, with focus on Public Finance in Transition Countries at the Technical University in Freiberg, Germany. His areas of interest include tax policy, public debt, decentralization, privatization, labor market policies, anticorruption policies.

Dr. Bislimi previously held several academic appointments at the University of Freiberg and the University of Prishtina, Kosovo. His other working assignments include involvements as international tax policy expert for UNMIK (international administration established in Kosovo) and for UNDP; independent consultant and project leader for Ministry of Health in UNMIK/Kosovo, The Netherlands Liaison Office in UNMIK/Kosovo, Stability Pact Initiative for South-East Europe and World University Service. Since 2004, Dr. Bislimi has taught Principles of Economics, Public Finance and Monetary Policy at the American University in Kosovo.

Dr. Bislimi holds the distinguished student award from the University of Zagreb and received a Fulbright Scholarship for a postdoctoral research stay at the Georgia State University.

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