



## INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

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#### **Alparslan Bayraktar (Turkey) to head up Energy Regulators' global body**

The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER<sup>1</sup>) has elected **Mr Alparslan Bayraktar<sup>2</sup> (Turkey)** as its new Chairman. The announcement was made today at the close of the sixth World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI<sup>3</sup>) in Istanbul.

In addition, two ICER Vice Chairs have been appointed. Ms Susana Cazorla<sup>4</sup> (CRE, Mexico) was elected for a three-year term and Mr Jack Betkoski III<sup>5</sup> (NARUC, USA) was elected for an 18-month term, both with immediate effect.

The Chair of ICER is appointed for the period between each World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER). Mr Bayraktar, who also heads the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA), takes over from Lord Mogg (President of the Council of European Energy Regulators) with immediate effect from today (28 May 2015) until the next Forum (WFER VII) is completed in 2018.

Welcoming the new ICER leadership, the departing and founding ICER Chair, **Lord Mogg** said:

*"Having had the privilege to serve as ICER Chair since its inception 6 years ago, I am convinced now more than ever of the necessity and the strength of global collaboration on energy issues. I am confident that energy regulators' expertise and influence on the global stage will continue to grow under the powerful leadership of Alparslan, Susana and Jack."*

Incoming ICER Chair, **Alparslan Bayraktar**, said:

*"I am honoured to head up the global association of energy regulators. We will continue our efforts in ICER to make sure everyone has access to secure, affordable energy and to face global challenges together."*

Also announced at WFER VI is the host for the next edition of this exclusive international convention. Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) will host the next World Forum (WFER VII) in 2018 in Mexico.

To learn more about ICER and its members, visit: [www.icer-regulators.net](http://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.

The ICER Steering Group comprising 11 regional associations of regulators and the energy regulatory authorities of Australia and Switzerland elected the new ICER Chair and Vice Chairs.

Since its inception in October 2009 until 28 May 2015, ICER has been chaired by Lord Mogg, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER).

2. Mr Bayraktar is a Commissioner in the Energy Market Regulatory Authority of Turkey (EMRA). He also serves as Chairman of the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA). ERRA has 24 full members, stretching over four continents with a demographic reach of around one billion people. Mr Bayraktar received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Istanbul Technical University. He earned a master's degree (LL.M.) in Law and Economics from Bilkent University, Faculty of Law and he also studied Strategic Marketing Management at New York University.
3. The 6<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI) is a 3-day international convention, from 25-28 May, in Istanbul, Turkey. See <http://www.wfer2015.org>.
4. Susana Ivana Cazorla Espinosa is, since December 2014, Head of the LPG Division of Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE). Previously, she was the Chief of Advisors to the Chairman of the same Commission, a position she held for over three years. Ms Cazorla holds a BA in Economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and a Master's Degree in Economy, majoring in Public Policy Finances, from the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE). She also studied a Financial Programming course at the International Monetary Fund.
5. 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 is chair of ICER's Virtual Working Group 4 on Regulatory Best Practices. 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.

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