

**Ancient Mariner on Modern Seas:  
Can 1930s States Accommodate  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology?  
State-Federal Regulatory Relationship**

**(Time: 1 hour)**

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From streetcars to solar panels, from wireline to cellular, from taxis to Uber, regulatory decisions have shaped market structure. The goal, wrote Alfred Kahn, is to find "the best possible mix of inevitably imperfect regulation and inevitably imperfect competition." But an awkward relationship between state and federal regulation, along with uncertainty about what investments the Constitution protects, is making progress unpredictable. Today's prominent example is distributed energy resources: distributed generation, storage, solar PV, microgrids and electric vehicle charging.

**Note:** All conference attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Mr. Hempling's book, *Preside or Lead*.