

Quick Facts

WHAT IS IER?

The Institute for Energy Research (IER) is a not-for-profit organization that conducts intensive research and analysis on the functions, operations, and government regulation of global energy markets. IER maintains that freely-functioning energy markets provide the most efficient and effective solutions to today's global energy and environmental challenges and, as such, are critical to the well-being of individuals and society.

IER's D.C. presence and growing full-time staff have expanded its influence and transformed it into what it is today: Washington's most respected, all-energy-all-the-time think tank.

WHAT DRIVES IER?



"Human ingenuity — our ability to put ideas into action — has been the catalyst for each of the major breakthroughs and discoveries that have transformed energy into beneficial and constructive forms of work. Energy increases human productivity and vastly improves our quality of life."

THOMAS J. PYLE

IER President

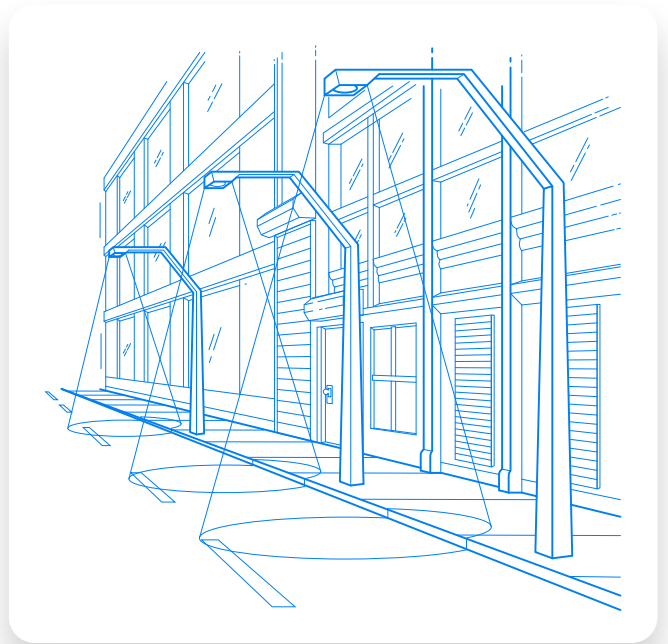


"Energy abundance, affordability and reliability transcend class, race and political boundaries. Artificial scarcity, price spikes and government edicts (such as what light bulbs are legal to buy or sell) are the stock-in-trade of government energy planning. Economic coordination and growth — and in the present context, economic recovery — require the free-market, science-based energy policies championed by IER."

ROBERT BRADLEY JR

IER Founder and CEO





RECENT PROJECTS:

Big Green, Inc.

Big Green, Inc. uncovers the scope of the environmental movement's funding as well as the role this interrelated network of organizations has had on energy policy. The data is presented as a map that allows users to track sources of funding by state and time period to reveal information regarding transactions between organizations.

The Carbon Tax

Carbon tax proposals are surfacing in Congress and in statehouses across the country. IER conducts research and provides commentary on the economic impacts carbon taxes would have at the both the federal and state level. IER's position on the carbon tax is that it is an economic nonstarter and that arguments to the contrary rest upon dubious premises. Economic growth in the United States and the rest of the world depends upon affordable, reliable energy and policies such as the carbon tax which seek to hinder access to it are unwise.

The Story of Electricity

The Story of Electricity informs the American people about something we depend on each and every day without really ever thinking about where it comes from or whether it will be there for us tomorrow. This new tool delves into the technological innovations that power the electric grid as well as some of the policies that are shaping the future of electricity in the U.S. With a better understanding of the grid, Americans and their lawmakers will be better equipped to discuss some of the challenges that face our electricity system.

