

Biography for Robert J. Michaels

Robert J. Michaels is Professor of Economics at California State University, Fullerton and an independent consultant to the electricity and natural gas industries. He holds an A.B. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, both in economics. His past positions include Staff Economist at the Institute for Defense Analyses and affiliate of various consulting firms. He is Senior Advisor to the Institute for Energy Research and Adjunct Scholar at the Cato Institute.

His research on regulation and competition in electricity and gas has appeared in peer-reviewed journals, law reviews, and industry publications. He is also Co-Editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Contemporary Economic Policy*. He has advised state regulatory agencies, electric utilities, independent power producers and marketers, consumers and producers of natural gas, public interest groups, and governments on aspects of regulation and competition. He has provided expert testimony at, among other venues, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Vermont Public Service Board, and in three prior appearances before committees of the U.S. House of Representatives.