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The world's energy industries offer a wide array of innovations that can benefit their customers and their economies. Today's utilities can generate electricity from cleaner and renewable sources, they can provide information and value to customers in new ways, they can operate assets more efficiently, and they can plan more accurately to meet future needs.

Regulatory actions strongly affect the speed of deployment of these innovations. Some regulatory tools provide financial incentives for investment. Others influence the type of new facilities developed. Some regulators create climates that welcome new infrastructure. This panel brings together a variety of experiences to discuss the needs for research and development and the ways regulators can encourage energy innovation.

Regulators also bring innovations to our own work. Especially as markets evolve and become more regional in character, regulators need to develop new mechanisms to observe market actions and coordinate with other regulators in the region. Regional energy markets bring benefits to consumers, but they need consistent regulatory treatment across these larger market regions.