

Editor's note

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When you receive this issue, Wally Tillman will have taken over as our new Section chair. I have been extremely fortunate to work with Ray Bolze, Dave Poe and now Wally in an effort to provide the Section's membership with interesting and yet relevant articles that can affect infrastructure industries and the companies in these industries.

In this issue, we have an article on "voice over Internet" – using the Internet for telephone-like communications. We also take a look back at the California energy crisis and a look forward at one company's efforts to put the problems of the energy crisis behind it. My thanks to J.P. Shotwell, vice chair of the Newsletter Committee, who suggested these topics and edited the California articles.

In the spring '04 issue, we featured an interview with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Pat Wood on energy matters. For the fall '04 issue, I am planning an interview with state regulatory commissioners on challenges facing the water industry.

I do appreciate your comments and am particularly interested in hearing from you on subjects that you would like to see featured in future issues. E-mail me at lrandell@wiggin.com.