# Editor's note

*By Linda L. Randell*

As I thought about the content of this issue of ***Infrastructure***, I was struck by the difference between how we sometimes think of infrastructure industries — monolithic and moving about as fast as glaciers — and the reality that the industries we see today are changing dramatically. The change encompasses companies (AT&T is about to become part of SBC), products (wind generation rather than fossil-fueled) and technology (broadband over power lines). This issue includes an article on each of these elements of change.

Our feature article is part one of a multi-part series by Judge Richard Cudahy on the glory days of AT&T. It's a fascinating look at the beginning of the Bell System, including the similarities between its claimed monopolistic practices at the turn of the 20th century and those that resulted in the "break-up" in the 1980s.

This issue also includes an article on the commercialization and subsidization of wind generation. I want to extend my thanks to Casey Wren, chair of the Section's Electricity Committee and a member of the Section's Newsletter Committee, for taking this from concept to reality.

Finally, we have excerpted the introduction and conclusion of an essay on broadband over electric lines. This essay won the Section's law student writing contest.

As ever, e-mail me with your suggestions at lrandell@wiggin.com.


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