



Call for Articles
IEEE Smart Grid Newsletter
Special Issue on the
**Staff Report to the Secretary on
Electricity Markets and Reliability**



The IEEE Smart Grid invites Authors to submit abstracts (*no more than 150 words, plus a tentative title each*) for prospective Newsletter Articles in the Special Issue of January 2018. The Special Issue will address the **Staff Report to the Secretary on Electricity Markets and Reliability**, published by the Dept. of Energy in August 2017 ([full report found here](#)). The Articles (*800-1000 words each*) may offer practical examples, substantiated expert opinions and experiences from academia/industry, which will serve as comments, arguments for/against, propose alternative approaches and/or dispute the content of any of the following points discussed in the Report:

- Effect of recent regulatory and subsidy frameworks on retirement of baseload power plants.
- Technical and economical viability of coal, oil and nuclear power plants.
- Effects of energy efficiency policies to the energy markets.
- The “threat” of renewable energy sources to the economics of baseload power plants.
- The role of baseload power plants in the presence of renewable energy sources.
- Flexible/dispatchable assets as compensation to variable renewable energy sources.
- Challenges of on-site fuel availability.
- Concerns on capacity, age and other characteristics of the system infrastructure.
- Effects of low natural gas prices to all aspects of the energy system.

Timetable (no extensions whatsoever)

Deadline for submission of Abstracts:	November 30th, 2017
Notification about acceptance of Abstracts:	December 2nd, 2017
Deadline for submission of Articles:	December 20th, 2017
Date of publication of January Newsletter:	January 10th, 2018

All abstracts should be submitted via email to: j.compton@ieee.org

Six abstracts will be accepted for preparation of articles. Four articles will be published.

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