



COMMUNITY CONTROL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Franchise Litigation: Using Law and History To Protect Public Rights

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In the Twentieth Century state legislators sought to protect the public's rights in public property used by corporate monopolies through the use of franchise contracts. As Congress passed laws creating 21st century deregulation opportunities, these rights have become the focus of hotly contested legal and political battles from California to Florida between communities seeking cheaper, more reliable electric sources and the entrenched power companies defending their monopoly over customers. This symposium will explore how some cities have succeeded in reclaiming public control from private monopolies through the rediscovery of franchise options that historical research found in almost forgotten records.



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