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regulatory practices still limit the growth of supply through the
transmission system. MacAvoy's history of the regulation of natural gas
is a cautionary tale for other natural resource or network industries that
are regulated or are about to be regulated.