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# **USAID Regulatory Assistance to the Energy Community: A Proposed Approach**

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## Objectives

- Move from benchmarking to focused action plans and implementation
- Follow-up on key conclusions/recommendations of CEER-SEE Benchmarking and CIDA Trade Studies
- Help support technical work of the new ECRB
- Promote more interaction among regulators – needs to be more collaboration on central issues
- Give special emphasis with CEER on regulator training
- Help community better track important regulatory developments



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## Main Actions

- Task (1): Complete retail tariff work and conduct workshop
- Task (2): Organize workshop on Uniform System of Accounts and develop action plan
- Task (3): Analyze experience and obstacles to effective unbundling and related market issues and conduct workshop
- Task (4): Develop formal ECSEE Regulatory Training Program
- Task (5): Develop pilot program for regional market monitoring
- Task (6) Prepare monthly highlights report on regulatory developments

## **Implementers: USAID ECSEE Regulatory Support Team**

Overall: Under USAID management, Pierce Atwood will coordinate ECSEE Regulatory Support team – Isabel Bjork will be point person in region and work closely with ECRB, CEER, ERRA, and Secretariat

- Task (1): Tariffs: IRG
- Task (2): Uniform System of Accounts: Pierce Atwood
- Task (3): Obstacles to Effective Unbundling: Hunton & Williams
- Task (4): ECSEE Regulatory Training: NARUC/ERRA
- Task (5): Pilot Market Monitoring: NARUC with team of US and European Experts
- Task (6): Monthly Reporting on Regulatory Developments: Pierce Atwood