# Developing Regulatory Institutions: A Leadership Perspective

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#### Reasons for regulation

- Goal: Improve Sector Performance
  - Policy goals and policy change both matter
- Address Market Power
  - Better prices for customers
  - More service
  - Better quality service

**Efficiency** 

Investment



#### Reasons for regulatory agency

- Investment
  - Opportunism and predictability
- Expertise
  - Inform stakeholders
  - Operator performance and incentives
    - Operator's innate ability or level of effort
    - Regulator's expertise fills gap partially
    - Regulatory incentives complete the task



#### **Key Features – Independence**

- Independent agency arm's length from politics and stakeholders
  - Legitimate
  - Stability when politics change
    - Authority
    - Personnel
    - Budget
  - Judicial, not political review



#### **Key Features – Accountability**

- Accountable agency public oversight
  - Statutory or constitutional controls
  - Transparency
    - Communicate and deliberate in public view
    - Explain fact-based decisions
    - Listen



#### **Key Features – Expertise**

- Expert agency professional and well trained
  - Accounting, Finance, Economics, Law, Engineering, etc.
  - Professional peers
  - Trained and experienced

### **Key Features – Governance**

- Organized system alignment of authority, accountability, communication
- Scope of work
  - Price setting
  - Quality
  - Market structure and conduct

#### Regulatory Governance Model

**Citizens Policy** Communication Accountability **Makers Authority** Commissioners Regulatory Agency **Operators** 



#### **Key Features – Structure**

- Organized industry and markets economies and pressures
  - Small system realities
    - Opportunities for competition are limited
      - Scale economies limit number of operators
      - Markets can be complex and costly to monitor
      - Poorly performing markets worse than no competition
    - Opportunities for diversity are limited
    - Outside events have greater impacts



#### **Summary of Key Features**

- Independent agency
- Accountable agency
- Expert agency
- Organized regulatory system
- Organized industry

#### Can we do this?

- All systems are perfectly aligned to get the results they get
  - The system doesn't want to fix the problem
- Mapping stakeholders
  - What would each have to give up to close the gap?
  - What would YOU have to give up?

## The Body of Knowledge on Infrastructure Regulation www.regulationbodyofknowledge.org









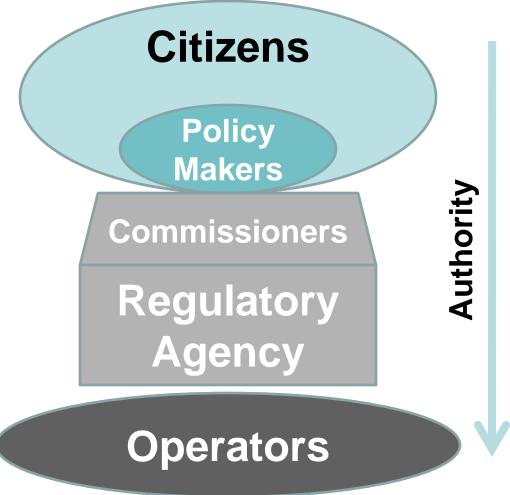
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#### Appendix

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### **Authority Scope**

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  - Without managing how results are achieved
  - With consideration for circumstances

#### **Authority Scope**

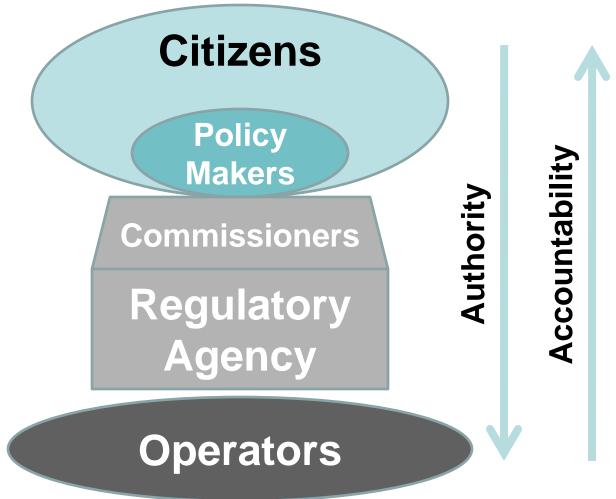
- Policy makers
  - Reflect on outcomes
    - What is the system supposed to produce?
    - Why does it or why doesn't it?
  - Respect citizen expectations
    - Long run and short run
  - Select commissioners
  - Define and refine vision and mission
    - Evolving circumstances, but long-lived investments





- Regulators
  - Establish prices, service standards, and market rules
  - Enforce decisions
- Operators
  - Determine means to achieve service vision subject to regulator decisions

#### Regulatory Governance Model



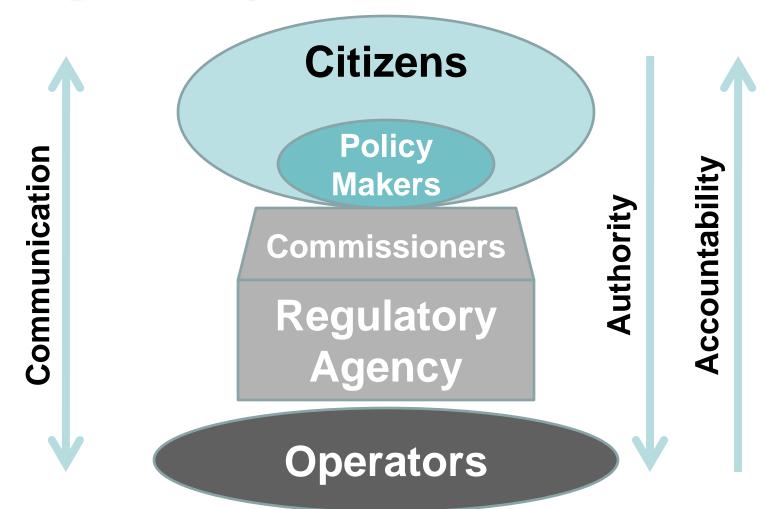


### Accountability for performance

- Operator rewarded/punished based on
  - Costs and price performance
  - Investment
  - Service quality
- Regulator held accountable for sector performance and for system performance
  - Prices and services
  - Stakeholder engagement

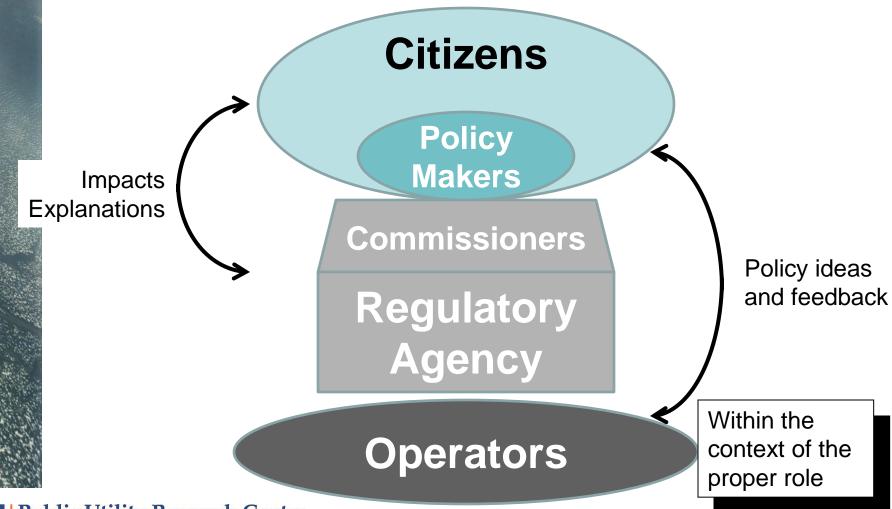


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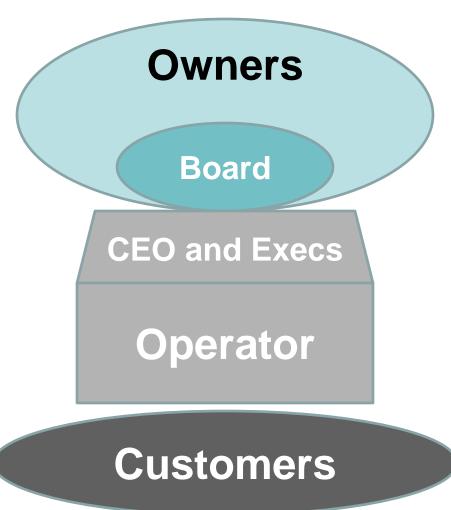




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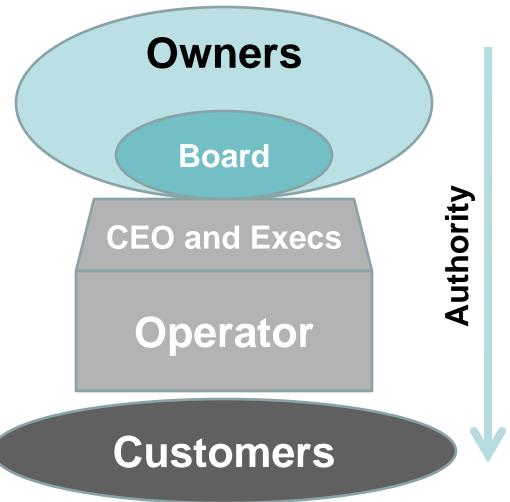
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Relationships for Financial performance

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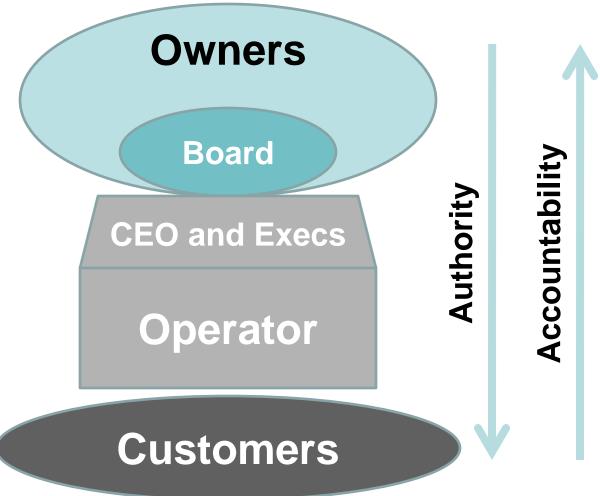
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#### **Authority Scope**

- Board of Directors
  - Reflect on outcomes
    - What financial outcomes is the operator supposed to produce?
    - Why does it or why doesn't it?
  - Respect owner expectations
    - Citizens? Lenders? Ministry?
  - Select operator leaders
  - Define and refine vision and mission

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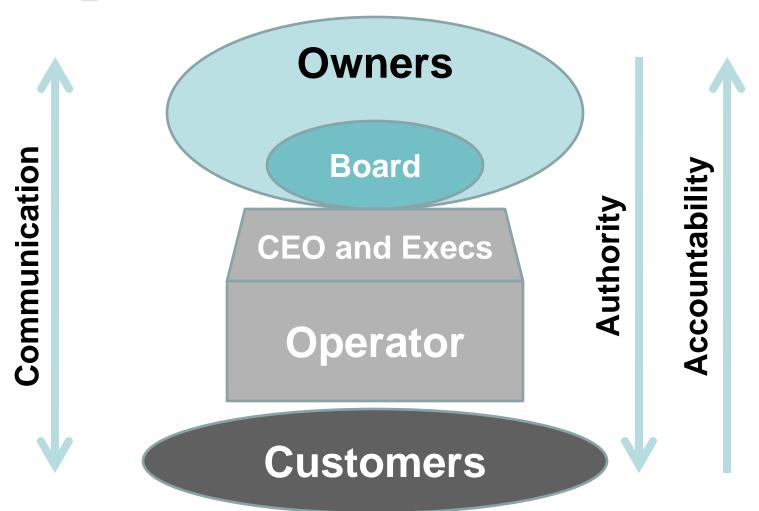
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- CEO and executive team rewarded/punished based on
  - Financial performance
  - Long term viability
    - Relationship with regulator
    - Financing
    - Investments
    - Efficiency

## Accountability for performance

- What are the best forums and methods for discussions with CEO/execs about performance?
  - Costs, revenues, innovation
  - Long term
    - Relationship with regulator
    - Financing
    - Investments
    - Efficiency

#### **Operator Governance Model**





#### Infrastructure Governance: SOE

