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Preface

The Energy Journal is pleased to present this special issue which focuses on modeling of energy-environment issues. For many years, the study of "bottom up" and "top down" approaches to these issues proceeded along separate paths. Both purported to inform the public policy debate – neither was entirely satisfying. Efforts to reconcile the two and to produce descendant models which would synthesize and extend their predecessors began in the 1990's. The challenges have proved to be formidable. This special issue brings together a number of useful and important contributions that have resulted from the interaction of the two approaches.

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