



## Deregulation: Where Do We Go from Here?

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AEI Press, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 210 x 136 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. As the ongoing financial crisis fuels anti-market sentiment in Washington, the deregulation, industry restructuring, and regulatory reform initiatives of the last thirty years are increasingly coming under attack. In this timely monograph, Paul L. Joskow argues that the crisis in the financial market should not become an excuse for reversing beneficial regulatory reforms in other sectors. The financial crisis presents a valuable opportunity to evaluate a broad range of regulatory reform options and make reasoned decisions about their rightful application to financial products and markets. Competitive markets, while not perfect, are typically the most effective institutions for allocating scarce resources efficiently. Deregulation, privatization, and regulatory reform initiatives have generally (though not always) benefited the U.S. economy by lowering costs, enhancing rates of innovation, matching consumer preferences and product quality, and creating more efficient price structures. In some cases, market imperfections necessitate the introduction of regulatory mechanisms to improve performance. But before imposing new regulations on a particular market, policymakers must apply a disciplined framework for identifying whether, where, and how regulatory policies can improve market performance, taking into account the benefits...



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