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# Diane X. Burman

## New York State Public Service Commission

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Diane X. Burman serves as a Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities and oversees the cable industry. In addition, the Commission exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major gas and electric transmission facilities and is responsible for ensuring the safety of natural gas and liquid petroleum pipelines. Bipartisan by law since 1970, the Commission consists of up to five members, each appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Ms. Burman's term runs through February 1, 2018.



Ms. Burman also serves on the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners' (NARUC) Board of Directors. She is Vice-Chair of the NARUC gas Committee, and is a member of NARUC's Committee on Critical Infrastructure and NARUC's Special Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. She was appointed by the NARUC President to the Gas Technology Institute Public Interest Advisory Committee, and is the Chair of the NARUC-Department of Energy Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Planning Initiative. She is a member of the 2018 World Gas Conference National Organizing Committee, and serves as Chair of the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Voluntary Information-Sharing Working Group. Ms. Burman also sits on the Advisory Board to the Financial Research Institute of the University of Missouri and on the Albany Law School Government Law Center Advisory Board. Additionally, she is on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Emeth (CBE) in Albany, N.Y., and is Co-Chair of CBE's membership committee.

Immediately prior to starting with the Commission, Ms. Burman was with the New York State Senate since 2009. She most recently served as the Chief Counsel to the New York State Senate Republican Conference. She served in this capacity under the Republican Majority Leader and then continued in this capacity under the Majority Coalition led by both the Republican Majority Leader and Independent Democratic Conference Majority Leader. In her capacity as the chief legislative legal officer for the New York State Senate, Ms. Burman was responsible for advising the Temporary President of the Senate and each member of the Republican Conference on every major legislative policy initiative confronting the State. Prior to her position with the Senate, she served as Special Counsel to the New York State Public Service Commission.

Ms. Burman has held a number of other legal and management positions with various organizations, including Executive Director of the New York State PTA, Assistant Executive Director of the Albany Jewish Community Center, and Director of Pro Bono Affairs for the New York State Bar Association. In addition, she has served in several high-level positions within state government, including Assistant Counsel with the Department of Economic Development, Assistant Attorney General in the Department of

Law, Senior Court Attorney with the Unified Court System, and as a judicial clerk for the New York State Court of Appeals. She was also an adjunct legal professor at Hofstra University and Adelphi University.

Ms. Burman obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Molloy College and her Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law. Ms. Burman was admitted to the bar in 1992.

A transplanted Long Island and New York City resident, Ms. Burman currently resides in the Capital District with her husband and their two sons.