

Diane Burman

Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission

Diane Burman serves as a Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission. The Commission regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities. The Commission also oversees the cable industry. In addition, the Commission exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major gas and electric transmission facilities and has responsibility 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.

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 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 the position with the Senate, she served as Special Counsel to the New York State Public Service Commission.

Ms. Burman 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. She has also 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 B.A. degree from Molloy College and her J.D. degree from Fordham University School of Law. Ms. Burman was admitted to the bar in 1992.

Ms. Burman serves on the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners' (NARUC) Gas Committee and Committee on Critical Infrastructure. She also serves on the NARUC Special Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. She was appointed by the NARUC President in January 2015, to the Gas Technology Institute Public Interest Advisory Committee. She is the Vice Chair for the NARUC Gas Committee and is the Chair of the NARUC- Department of Energy Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Planning Initiative. She is also chair of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners Gas Committee. She is a member of the 2018 World Gas Conference National Organizing Committee.

Ms. Burman sits on the Albany Law School Government Law Center Advisory Board. Ms. Burman is also on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, NY.

Ms. Burman, a transplanted Long Island and New York City resident, resides in Delmar, New York with her husband Jonathan, an attorney and spokesman for the New York State Commissioner of Education, and their two sons.