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**GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES CONFIRMATION OF AUDREY ZIBELMAN TO SERVE ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that Audrey Zibelman was confirmed by the New York State Senate to serve as a commissioner of the New York Public Service Commission (PSC). Consistent with the Public Service Law, the Governor intends to designate Ms. Zibelman as Chair of the commission after she assumes office.

“Audrey brings more than 25 years of public and private sector utility industry experience to the Public Service Commission which will make her an exemplary Chair of the commission,” Governor Cuomo said. “I am pleased to welcome to her to the administration and I am confident that she will be an aggressive regulator and strong advocate for New York’s ratepayers.”

“Audrey Zibelman has a tremendous depth of experience in the energy sector and a proven commitment to competitive markets, and I believe that she will be an excellent leader for the Public Service Commission,” said Senator George Maziarz, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee. “I congratulate Governor Cuomo on his selection of an extremely well qualified nominee.”

Ms. Zibelman is a Founder and was President and Chief Executive Officer of Viridity Energy, Inc., which she formed after more than 25 years of electric utility industry leadership experience in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Zibelman is a recognized national and international expert in energy policy, markets and Smart Grid innovation. Previously, Ms. Zibelman was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of PJM, a Regional Transmission Organization that operates the world’s largest wholesale power market and serves 14 states throughout the eastern United States. Ms. Zibelman also held executive positions at Xcel Energy, served as General Counsel to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and as Special Assistant Attorney General in the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office.

Ms. Zibelman said, “I am deeply honored to be joining the Public Service Commission in New York. Once implemented, the Governor’s energy agenda, including initiatives like the Energy Highway, NY-Sun, and the Green Bank, will mean that New York becomes the platinum standard for delivering reliable, affordable, resilient and clean energy services. I look forward to joining the Administration as Chair and working with the other commissioners and state agencies to ensure that these initiatives become reality.”

## About the PSC

The Public Service Commission regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities. The Commission also oversees the cable industry. The Commission is charged by law with the responsibility for setting rates and ensuring that adequate service is provided by New York's utilities. 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 for a term of six years or to complete an unexpired term of a former Commissioner.

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