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GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL

**GOVERNOR HOCHUL DESIGNATES RORY M. CHRISTIAN AS CHAIR OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CEO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SERVICE**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the designation of Rory M. Christian as Chair of the Public Service Commission and chief executive officer of the Department of Public Service, the staff arm of the Commission.

"I am pleased to designate Rory Christian chair of the PSC," **Governor Hochul said.** "His deep expertise on utility operations and regulation, environmental policy, and community engagement make him uniquely qualified to help the State address the climate crisis while achieving PSC's core mission to maintain reliable and affordable utility service. I have high expectations that under Rory's leadership, the PSC will advance innovative energy and telecommunications policy, protect consumers, enhance utility reliability and resilience, foster economic development, and responsibly tackle the challenge of climate change."

Mr. Christian began his career in the energy industry with KeySpan Energy where he first served as a civil engineer before transitioning to a role engaging government agencies operating in Long Island and New York City. In that role, he was responsible for coordinating activities between KeySpan and government organizations, negotiating contracts, developing contingency plans and streamlining operations to satisfy both organizations' operational needs.

Mr. Christian then transitioned to Exelon Energy, where he developed new products targeting public sector clientele and helped facilitate the creation of multiple partnerships and alliances. Mr. Christian previously served as the Director of Energy Finance and Sustainability for the New York City Housing Authority, where he oversaw the Authority's then \$500M+ utility portfolio with the aim of reducing annual energy expenditures while achieving city, state and federally mandated greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements.

More recently, he was the Director of New York Clean Energy at Environmental Defense Fund where he provided strategy management, programming, business development and stakeholder collaboration for the Clean Energy program in NY. He oversaw a multidisciplinary team (economists, lawyers, and engineers) to design, implement, and manage legislative and policy campaigns to lower the environmental impact of electricity production.

Rory Christian said, "I am deeply honored to be designated Chair of the Commission and CEO of the Department. I thank Governor Hochul and I look forward to devoting my time, my energy and talents to helping ensure New York meets its clean energy goals, through solutions that prioritize equity, reliability and resiliency."

Mr. Christian graduated from the City College of New York's, Grove School of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and an MBA from the Baruch College, Zicklin School of Business. Mr. Christian resides in Brooklyn, New York with his family.

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.

Nonpartisan by law since 1970, the Commission consists of up to seven 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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