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ICC Commissioner Maria Bocanegra Named to “Fortnightly Under Forty” List

Chicago, IL – In the June edition of Public Utilities Fortnightly, Illinois Commerce Commissioner Maria Bocanegra is recognized as a ‘rising star’ in the utilities industry for her focus on electrification policy and dockets, being named to the “Fortnightly Under Forty” 2020 list. Of the 64 rising stars, she is one of eleven highlighted by PUF, and is the only representative of a public utilities commission.

“These eleven exemplify the impressive record and pace of accomplishments of the best of our industry's next generation. These unique up-and-comers are already leading the industry's transformation and mission-critical groups within their organizations,” according to the article written by Editor-in-Chief Steve Mitnick.

In her interview with PUF, Commissioner Bocanegra said that she enjoys, “bringing stakeholders together or inspiring stakeholders to evaluate hot topics. I have been successful in supporting stakeholders to continue exploring topics such as electrification, water, and diversity, for example. Undoubtedly, there is an opportunity and need for Illinois to expand the conversation on these topics.”

“I am humbled and honored to be nominated by my peers and selected by premier trade magazine, PUF, in recognition of my work, my commitment to the State of Illinois and the utility industry, and to be named among leading professionals in this space,” said Commissioner Bocanegra. Maria Bocanegra was appointed to the Commission by Governor J.B. Pritzker in April 2019 and was confirmed by the Illinois Senate on May 31, 2019.

“This distinction comes a pertinent time, as I begin the next year of my tenure at the Commission,” says Commissioner Bocanegra. In her first year, Commissioner Bocanegra has quickly distinguished herself in the utility world. At the ICC, she has advanced conversations in topics such as electrification and water. At the national level, Commissioner Bocanegra has been appointed to Co-Vice Chair for NARUC’s Committee on Water and as Chair of the EV Working Group. In the upcoming year, Commissioner Bocanegra looks forward to working with her colleagues at the Commission to address the latest issues and trends impacting utility regulation, including electrification, water issues, renewables and ancillary regulatory mechanisms.

“As we delve deep into issues, Commissioner Bocanegra is known to ask tough questions. We are very fortunate to have her on the Commission. The ICC is very proud of her and any recognition she receives is well-deserved,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski.

The 64 chosen for the 2020 list represent twenty-seven different industry organizations. Founded in 1928, PUF is a forum for thought-leaders to engage in unbiased open discussions about regulatory policies and issues that impact and shape the energy industry.

If you are interested in reading the full interview with Commissioner Maria Bocanegra click here: <https://www.fortnightly.com/fortnightly/2000/07/fortnightly-under-forty-maria-bocanegra>

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