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## **Maryland PSC Announces Retirement of Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell**

*He has stepped down from the PSC bench as of June 1, 2024*

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(BALTIMORE, MD) –Commissioner Anthony J. O'Donnell, who has been a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission for nearly eight years, has retired as of June 1, 2024.

First appointed to the bench by Governor Larry Hogan in 2016 to fill out the unexpired term of Commissioner Anne Hoskins, Commissioner O'Donnell was reappointed in 2021. The Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, and passenger-for-hire transportation companies.

For 21 years, Commissioner O'Donnell represented the people of Calvert and St. Mary's counties in the Maryland General Assembly's House of Delegates. He held a variety of leadership roles including senior minority member of the Environment and Transportation Committee (2015-16), House Minority Whip (2003-06), and House Minority Leader (2006-13).

Commissioner O'Donnell worked for 15 years at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby, Maryland (where he lives), serving in various capacities supporting safe and reliable nuclear power generation. Prior to working at Calvert Cliffs, Commissioner O'Donnell served for over eight years in the United States Navy.

He served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues–Waste Disposal and as a member of the Committee on Electricity for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). In 2021, Commissioner O'Donnell was elected President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC).

"The Public Service Commission helps ensure safe, reliable, and economic public utility and transportation service for Marylanders across the state," said Gov. Wes Moore. "We thank Commissioner O'Donnell for his dedicated work in service of the commission's mission and for his years of dedicated service to the state."

"Tony O'Donnell is the best example of a true public servant," said Frederick H. Hoover, Chair of the Public Service Commission. "It has been an honor to serve

alongside him on the PSC bench. He could be tough on the regulated companies that came before the Commission, always with an eye towards protecting Maryland utility ratepayers and making sure those companies complied with our laws and regulations. I join Commissioners Michael Richard, Kumar Barve and Bonnie Suchman and all of our PSC colleagues to commend him for his years of dedicated service to our country and the people of Maryland."

"Tony and I have enjoyed a professional relationship that spans a quarter century," said Commissioner Kumar Barve, also a former delegate. "Even when serving in the legislature in adversarial roles, we found opportunities to be allies and collaborators. Through it all we were the best of friends. It has been my pleasure to work with him this past year at the Public Service Commission, where we have had a chance to agree 95% of the time! Congratulations my friend after a long and honorable career of service to the citizens of Maryland."

In a farewell message, Commissioner O'Donnell shared words of praise for the PSC's staff: "Our staff is among the best anywhere and it has been the honor of my career to have worked with you to carry out our mission. Safe and reliable utility service is vital to the well-being of our state and my colleagues have been exemplary in their commitment on behalf of the people of Maryland. I'm so proud of all we have accomplished together. As we say in the Navy, I wish you fair winds and following seas."

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**About the Public Service Commission:**

*The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities and suppliers, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Charles County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.*