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Two Energy Veterans Join Maryland PSC
Fred Hoover is new Chair, Bonnie Suchman is newest Commissioner

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – **Frederick H. Hoover** has been sworn in as of July 5, 2023 to assume leadership of the Maryland Public Service Commission, the state’s utility regulator. Chair Hoover was appointed this year by Governor Wes Moore for a five-year term and was confirmed by the Maryland Senate in April 2023.

He most recently served as Assistant People’s Counsel in the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, representing residential consumers of public utilities, retail energy suppliers and other entities before the Commission, courts and federal agencies.

Chair Hoover served for more than seven years as director of the Maryland Energy Administration, responsible for coordinating energy policy for the state of Maryland. He subsequently held positions as director of both MEA’s Division of Energy Programs and Division of Renewable Energy. He is a former senior director of the National Association of State Energy Officials, where he directed the electricity policy program including the fuel and grid aspects of both transmission and distribution networks including modernization, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

He was a founding board member of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, the first Maryland-based environmental organization to hold elected officials at the state legislative and executive level accountable for environmental issues through voting scorecards, endorsements and direct campaign activities to elect environmentally responsible officials in Maryland. He is also a member of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council.

A resident of Annapolis, Maryland, Chair Hoover earned his law degree from the University of Baltimore, and a bachelor’s degree from Mount Saint Mary’s College. He also completed Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Education Program in Economics and Environment.

Bonnie A. Suchman was appointed to the Maryland Public Service Commission in mid-June 2023 by Governor Wes Moore and was sworn in on June 28. Commissioner Suchman was most recently the owner of Suchman Law LLC and has more than 35 years of experience in the energy field, representing clients on a broad range of issues

including transmission policy and regulation, reliability and cybersecurity, cross-border transmission permitting, distributed generation, and renewable energy financing mechanisms.

Prior to opening her own law firm, she was counsel at Troutman Sanders and was special counsel for electric utility restructuring at the Department of Energy. She had a principal role in the drafting of both the Clinton administration's Comprehensive Electricity Competition Plan and the legislation implementing the provisions of the plan. She was also a senior attorney at the Edison Electric Institute and an associate at Webster & Fredrickson, a law firm representing the D.C. Public Service Commission.

A resident of Potomac, Maryland, Commissioner Suchman is a graduate of Bard College and the George Washington University Law School, and is a member of the D.C. and Maryland bars.

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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.