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CYNTHIA MARLETTE NAMED FERC GENERAL COUNSEL

Pat Wood, III, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has named Cynthia A. Marlette as General Counsel.

Ms. Marlette had served as Acting General Counsel since September, when former General Counsel Kevin P. Madden left the Commission.

Chairman Wood commented: "In the ten years I have known her, Ms. Marlette has a solid track record of achievement. She has played a key role in major FERC actions and is a valued adviser and highly regarded energy attorney. Her legal talent, calm demeanor and leadership skills are unquestioned."

Prior to serving as Acting General Counsel, Ms. Marlette, who joined the Commission in 1979, had served as Deputy General Counsel. Earlier, she was Associate General Counsel for Hydroelectric and Electric. Among other achievements, she played a central role in helping the Commission navigate its way through Order No. 888, which restructured the wholesale electric industry.

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