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MEREDITH HATFIELD NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NECPUC

CONCORD, NH – Meredith Hatfield of Concord, New Hampshire has been named the next Executive Director of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners (NECPUC), Anthony Z. Roisman, the organization's president and Chairman of the Vermont Public Utility Commission, announced today. Hatfield will join NECPUC in December 2019.

"We are delighted to have Meredith join NECPUC to continue our work advancing the interests of our commissions and our utility consumers," Chairman Roisman said. "Utility regulation plays a key role in our region's quality of life and economic strength. With Meredith at the helm, NECPUC will continue its important role supporting regulators and build on Rachel Goldwasser's leadership over the last four years."

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Wellesley College, and Vermont Law School, Hatfield has two decades of experience working on a range of regulatory issues in public, private, and non-profit settings. As New Hampshire's Consumer Advocate, she represented the interests of residential ratepayers in important cases including Fairpoint's acquisition of Verizon's Northern New England assets. As the Director of the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, she helped to craft the agreement for Eversource to divest its generation assets and participated in creating the State's Energy Efficiency Resource Standard. In addition to her state service, Hatfield has worked in philanthropy and practiced law in non-profit and law firm settings.

"Meredith brings a combination of substantive expertise and experience collaborating with a broad range of stakeholders," said Margaret Curran, Chairperson of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and vice president of NECPUC. "We are pleased that she will bring her skills and experience to NECPUC and we look forward to working with her to further the organization's mission."

Rachel Goldwasser, who has served as NECPUC's Executive Director since 2015, will join Key Capture Energy, an independent developer of utility-scale battery storage projects.

Founded prior to 1947, NECPUC aids New England's 20 state utilities commissioners in advancing the public's interest in regional and federal forums in electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, and water regulation. The organization annually convenes a forum to engage a range of parties – including public officials, academics, industry, and public interest advocates – to examine current issues in utilities regulation.