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The New York Energy Consumers Council’s New Executive Director is Diana Sweeney

New York, NY -- May 14, 2014 -- The New York Energy Consumers Council, Inc. (“NYECC”) announced today the appointment of energy industry veteran, Diana Sweeney, as the organization’s new Executive Director. The NYECC is the largest energy customer advocacy organization in New York State. Its heritage includes more than a half-century of successful regulatory intervention and nearly two decades of member education.



From NYECC’s inception, Diana Sweeney’s involvement was instrumental in the formation of the organization following the consolidation in July 2004 of the Owners’ Committee on Electric Rates and the New York Energy Buyers Forum, two of New York’s former premier organizations representing the interests of energy consumers. Ms. Sweeney is also a past Co-President and Board Member of the NYECC.

“I am excited to represent such a dynamic organization,” Diana said. “The membership includes many of the most prominent hospitals, universities, financial institutions, residential and commercial property owners in Con Edison’s service territory. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors to achieve our goals of regulatory intervention and to increase our educational offerings to our members. We will also look to expand our communication in light of evolving energy, sustainability, environmental and technological developments.”

The NYECC acknowledges the previous Executive Director, David Bomke, for his numerous contributions to the organization during his nearly a decade of service. Mr. Bomke remains active within the organization as one of its Directors and is facilitating a smooth

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transition for Ms. Sweeney into her new position. "I am very pleased that Diana has agreed to take on this role for the NYECC. She brings a wealth of commercial energy consumer expertise to the role, as well as her longstanding commitment to the growth and prosperity of the Consumers Council. I look forward to helping her assume her new responsibilities," Bomke noted.

Reflecting on the NYECC's future, current Co- President, Dan Levin states, "With Diana Sweeney taking the lead and the continued support of David Bomke and other board members, it is possible for us to further expand our activities, including advocacy for energy efficiency programs and for combined heat and power (distributed generation) as well as providing additional educational opportunities."

Historically, the NYECC and its predecessor organizations have been an integral part of the public utility rate making process in New York, saving Con Edison's customers millions of dollars. For example, the most recent Con Edison rate cases resulted in a rate freeze of two years for electric ratepayers and a rate freeze of three years for gas and steam ratepayers.

With over 25 years of experience in both real estate and energy, Ms. Sweeney brings a wealth of knowledge to the organization. She is the co-founder and current Chief Operating Officer of EnergyWatch Inc. She previously served as Contract Negotiator, Property Management Account Executive and Director of the Energy Division at Insignia/ESG. Ms. Sweeney holds a Master's Degree in Real Estate Investment from NYU.