




Richard Mroz to Lead New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, as State Senate Confirms Gov. Christie's Nomination

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The New Jersey Senate today confirmed Gov. Chris Christie's appointment of **Richard S. Mroz**, width= Managing Director of Archer Public Affairs LLC, as President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, which oversees regulated utilities in the state such as gas, electric, water, telecommunications and cable television.

BPU Commissioners are appointed to six-year staggered terms by the Governor, who designates one as Commission President, a Cabinet-level post.

"Needless to say, it is a tremendous honor to be selected by the Governor for a position of such critical importance to the citizens of New Jersey," said Mr. Mroz, who is also Of Counsel to the law firm Archer P.C., which is affiliated with Archer Public Affairs (APA). "And it will be an honor to serve those citizens as BPU President, to bring my extensive background in government and regulatory affairs to the position, at a time when we will make significant decisions about critical resources such as power and water."

Mr. Mroz has extensive experience with government and regulatory issues and matters. He has served in a variety of executive-level positions in the public and private sectors, including as former New Jersey Gov. Christie Todd Whitman's Chief Counsel, Special Counsel and Authorities Unit Director. Among his myriad professional and civic endeavors, Mr. Mroz serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, which provides funding to member financial institutions in New Jersey and other areas, and is a Commissioner of the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA). Mr. Mroz has been a longtime active participant in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), through which he has been involved extensively in utility regulation and policy issues.

Mr. Mroz became a founding Managing Director of APA when the Trenton-based external affairs firm launched in October 2013 as a subsidiary of Archer, to provide full-service government, public and regulatory affairs consultancy. He has been Of Counsel to Archer in the firm's Haddonfield headquarters since 2011. He will relinquish both positions to become BPU President.

“While we will certainly miss Rick on a personal level, we are happy for him and wish him all the best,” said James H. Carll, Chairman of Archer’s Board of Directors. “We are also are proud that the Governor would select a member of our firm for such an important position for our state at this time. Rick has done outstanding work on behalf of our clients, and, in doing so, has brought credit to this firm.”

APA provides full-service government and regulatory affairs advice and advocacy to businesses in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. In addition to Mr. Mroz, APA includes founding Managing Director Bill Caruso, former Executive Director of the New Jersey Assembly Majority Office and ex-Chief of Staff to former Congressman Rob Andrews; Carlton L. Johnson, former longtime head of the Civil Rights Unit of the City of Philadelphia Law Department; Vincent P. Sarubbi, former Camden County Prosecutor and Freeholder Director. All are also attorneys with Archer.

APA also includes Government Affairs Specialist John H. “Jack” Fisher III, former longtime County Administrator of Gloucester County, who also serves as Chairman of two state agencies: the New Jersey Building Authority (NJBA) and the New Jersey Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission (LUARCC).

“We thank Rick for the role he has played in the development of Archer Public Affairs,” Archer President Christopher R. Gibson said. “Although Rick will be missed, Bill Caruso and the entire APA team remain excited to continue the growth we are experiencing within our region.”

Read Gov. Christie’s news release about Mr. Mroz’s appointment here.

<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/552014/approved/20140918a.html>

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