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New NJDEP Commissioner and BPU President Named

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Bob Martin, named by Governor Christie to be the new Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), is a former Accenture executive with more than 25 years of experience in business and management consulting, particularly in the energy and utility sectors. Martin is a former Republican nominee for the State Senate and during the gubernatorial campaign, he advised the Governor on environmental and energy policy issues. He is currently serving as Acting Commissioner.

Governor Christie's choice to lead the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Lee Solomon, is a Camden County Superior Court Judge, who previously worked for the Governor as an Assistant U.S. Attorney leading the prosecutor's offices in Camden and Trenton when Christie was the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. Before working in the U.S. Attorney's office, Solomon served as a Camden County prosecutor, County Freeholder and State Assemblyman. The BPU consists of five commissioners appointed by the Governor, who selects one as President.

Both nominations require Senate confirmation. For more information, please contact Christopher Ball at 484-430-2358 (cball@mgkflaw.com).