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## **New President Named for Illinois American Water**

**Illinois** American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, recently announced that Justin Ladner has been named president of Illinois American Water. Ladner will succeed Bruce Hauk, who has been named American Water's president of Regulated Operations and Military Services Group.

Ladner joined American Water in Nov. 2018 as director of National Regulatory Affairs. In this national role for American Water, Ladner was responsible for developing and implementing strategies, practices and processes related to National Regulatory Affairs. He has served as the primary liaison between the company's business units and its Regulatory Affairs teams, providing leadership and strategy to identify, develop, and implement best practices.

Before joining American Water, Ladner served as the governmental affairs and policy manager for Southern Power. In that role, he created and led the governmental affairs team with a focus on federal, regional and state legislative, and regulatory affairs. He also held several other positions at Southern Co. including project manager for the Integration Management Office, assistant to the executive

## **Leadership Changes in the General Assembly**

**The** new legislative session saw some significant changes in leadership in the State Senate. After an intense campaign, Senator Don Harmon (D-Oak Park) was chosen by the Senate Democrats to be the new President of the Senate, succeeding former President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) who retired in mid-January.

President Harmon's election set about some other changes to Senate leadership. While Senator Kimberly Lightford (D-Chicago) retained her position as Senate Majority Leader, Senator Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) was elevated to the position of President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Senator Cunningham's ascension to that post created a vacancy as Chairman of the Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee. That vacancy was filled by the return of Senator Michael Hastings as Chair of the committee. Hastings had served as committee chairman prior to Senator Cunningham's

service.

Chairs of the other three key legislative committees dealing with energy policy remained the same: Senator Melinda Bush (D-Grayslake) will continue to be Chair of the Senate Environment & Conservation Committee; Representative Ann Williams (D-Chicago) will continue to Chair the House Energy & Environment Committee; and Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. (D-Joliet) will remain as Chair of the House Public Utilities Committee.

The Republican Spokesperson on Senate Energy & Public Utilities will continue to be Senator Sue Rezin (R-Peru). Senator Rezin has served in that capacity for several legislative sessions. On the Senate Environment & Conservation Committee, Senator Jim Oberweis (R-North Aurora) will return as Republican Spokesperson.

Over in the House, Representative David Welter (R-Morris) will continue as Republican Spokesperson on the

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## FROM THE STAFF

**Back** to the grind! Welcome back to Springfield everyone. The new legislative session is now underway and as you can see from our front page, there have been some changes since Veto Session. Right now, things are developing a little slowly but the pace will certainly pick up after the March 17<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. We will be here to keep you up to date on happenings in the world of energy policy, both in Illinois and nationally. Don't hesitate to contact us at the Illinois Energy Association if we can be of assistance in this regard. Have a great February and remember that Spring will soon be here. **IEF**

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### Illinois American Water Names New President

**Vice** president of Nuclear Development, and attorney for Southern Nuclear.

"Justin's unique skill set includes legislative and regulatory experience, as well as legal, engineering, and operations expertise," said Walter Lynch, chief operating officer at American Water. "We are confident he is the right fit and excited that he will be leading our talented Illinois team."

Prior to joining Southern Co., Ladner was an associate attorney for Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart in Birmingham, Ala. He also worked for U.S. Steel as a metallurgical engineer. Ladner received his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Alabama School of Law, as well as a master's and a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical and Ma-

terials Engineering with honors from the University of Alabama.

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### Leadership Changes

**House** Energy & Environment Committee and Representative Keith Wheeler (R-North Aurora) will remain Republican Spokesperson on House Public Utilities.

For the most part, rank and file membership on the key energy policy committees remains the same as during the first session of the 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. A full listing of committee memberships can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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### Gov. Pritzker Appoints Carrigan as ICC Commissioner

**Governor** JB Pritzker has appointed Michael T. Carrigan to serve a five-year term on the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). His term expires January 20, 2025. He replaces Brien Sheahan, whose term recently expired.

"Michael Carrigan brings a wealth of experience that will be an asset to the Commission," said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski. "We welcome him and the unique perspective he will bring when tackling the difficult issues ahead of us."

"I am grateful to Governor JB Pritzker for this appointment. It is truly an honor to become a member of the Commission. I look forward to the new opportunity ahead and working with my colleagues to solve prob-

lems and address the needs of our state," said Carrigan.

After nearly 20 years of service, Carrigan recently retired as President of the Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), which represents nearly 855,000 union members from across the state. He served as its President from February 2007 to December 2019, and as secretary-treasurer for seven years prior. He began his career as an apprentice electrician at the Decatur-based IBEW Local 146, where he spent 22 years rising through the ranks as a journeyman wireman, business agent and finally as its business manager and financial secretary.

Carrigan formerly served on the National AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and is a former co-chair of the Illinois Building and Construction Trades Statewide Committee. He is a former member of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council Executive Board, and former advisory member of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Committee. He also formerly served as Chair of the State Midwest Region AFL-CIO.

Carrigan was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms on the council before being appointed mayor of Decatur in July 2008 to serve out the remaining term of the retiring mayor. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 from MacMurray College (Jacksonville).

The appointment of Carrigan awaits confirmation by the Illinois State Senate. **IEF**

## Illinois 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Committees

### Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee

#### Democrats

Sen. Michael E. Hastings, Chair (Frankfort)  
 Sen. Laura Ellman, Vice-Chair (Naperville)  
 Sen. Christopher Belt (East St.Louis)  
 Sen. Cristina Castro (Elgin)  
 Sen. Thomas Cullerton (Villa Park)  
 Sen. Bill Cunningham (Chicago)  
 Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (Western Springs)  
 Sen. Emil Jones III (Chicago)  
 Sen. Patrick J. Joyce (Park Forest)  
 Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford (Westchester)  
 Sen. Terry Link (Gurnee)  
 Sen. Iris Y. Martinez (Chicago)  
 Sen. Antonio Munoz (Chicago)  
 Sen. Patricia Van Pelt (Chicago)

#### Republicans

Sen. Sue Rezin, Spokesperson (Peru)  
 Sen. Neil Anderson (Moline)  
 Sen. Jason A. Barickman (Bloomington)  
 Sen. John Curran (Woodridge)  
 Sen. Dale Fowler (Harrisburg)  
 Sen. Steve McClure (Jacksonville)  
 Sen. Paul Schimpf (Murphysboro)  
 Sen. Craig Wilcox (McHenry)

### Senate Environment & Conservation Committee

#### Democrats

Sen. Melinda Bush, Chair (Grayslake)  
 Sen. David Koehler, Vice-Chair (Peoria)  
 Sen. Laura Fine (Glenview)  
 Sen. Pat McGuire (Crest Hill)  
 Sen. Julie A. Morrison (Deerfield)  
 Sen. Heather A. Steans (Chicago)

#### Republicans

Sen. Jim Oberweis, Spokesperson (North Aurora)  
 Sen. Jason Plummer (Vandalia)  
 Sen. Dave Syverson (Rockford)

### House Energy & Environment Committee

#### Democrats

Rep. Ann M. Williams, Chair (Chicago)  
 Rep. Robyn Gabel, Vice-Chair (Evanston)  
 Rep. Carol Ammons (Champaign)  
 Rep. William Davis (East Hazel Crest)  
 Rep. Daniel Didech (Buffalo Grove)  
 Rep. Mary Edly-Allen (Libertyville)  
 Rep. Sonya Harper (Chicago)  
 Rep. Barbara Hernandez (Aurora)  
 Rep. Frances Ann Hurley (Chicago)  
 Rep. Lindsey LaPointe (Chicago)  
 Rep. Theresa Mah (Chicago)  
 Rep. Joyce Mason (Gurnee)  
 Rep. Anna Moeller (Elgin)  
 Rep. Bob Morgan (Deerfield)  
 Rep. Michelle Mussman (Schaumburg)  
 Rep. Nathan Reitz (Red Bud)  
 Rep. Nicholas K. Smith (Chicago)  
 Rep. Andre Thapedi (Chicago)  
 Rep. Lawrence Walsh, Jr. (Joliet)

#### Republicans

Rep. David A. Welter, Spokesperson (Morris)  
 Rep. Darren Bailey (Louisville)  
 Rep. Tim Butler (Springfield)  
 Rep. Dan Caulkins (Decatur)  
 Rep. Michael T. Marron (Danville)  
 Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi (Westmont)  
 Rep. Charles Meier (Highland)  
 Rep. Chris Miller (Robinson)  
 Rep. Thomas Morrison (Palatine)  
 Rep. Dave Severin (Benton)  
 Rep. Dan Ugaste (St. Charles)  
 Rep. Keith R. Wheeler (North Aurora)

### House Public Utilities Committee

#### Democrats

Rep. Lawrence Walsh, Jr., Chair (Joliet)  
 Rep. Andre Thapedi, Vice-Chair (Chicago)  
 Rep. Carol Ammons (Champaign)  
 Rep. Fred Crespo (Streamwood)  
 Rep. LaShawn K. Ford (Chicago)  
 Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth (Peoria)  
 Rep. Jay Hoffman (Belleville)  
 Rep. Arthur Turner (Chicago)  
 Rep. Jawaharial Williams (Chicago)

#### Republicans

Rep. Keith R. Wheeler, Spokesperson (North Aurora)  
 Rep. Tim Butler (Springfield)  
 Rep. Dan Caulkins (Decatur)  
 Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer (Jacksonville)  
 Rep. Ryan Spain (Peoria)  
 Rep. Grant Wehrli (Naperville)  
 Rep. David Welter (Morris)

## **Current Issues Seminar In New Mexico April 5-8**

**The** annual Current Issues Seminar hosted by the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University will be held in the state capitol of Sante Fe on April 5-8, 2020. Among this year's participants are some of the nation's leading experts on energy policy issues.

Registration information for the Current Issues Seminar can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Walter of the Center for Public Utilities at 505-646-4812. **IEF**

## **NARUC Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, DC**

**The** National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) will hold its Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, DC, from February 9-12, 2020. State Commissioners and staff members from around the country will meet in various committees and subcommittees with an eye toward developing NARUC policy on several important issues of interest to the regulatory community.

Members of the Illinois Commerce Commission serve on key NARUC policy committees. Policies developed at the Winter Meetings may be acted upon at the organization's Summer Meetings in Boston. **IEF**

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