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FORMER MASS ENERGY COMMISSIONER JOINS ML STRATEGIES

O'Connor Adds to Growing Energy/Clean-Tech Practice



Boston, MA- David O'Connor, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources from 1995-2007, will join ML Strategies, LLC, as the Senior Vice President of Energy/Clean Technology. O'Connor will lead the strategic consulting firm in serving its growing roster of energy clients including EnerNOC, Ameresco, Trigen and Northeast Utilities.

“David will work collaboratively with Tom Burton and the other attorneys in Mintz Levin’s nationally recognized energy and clean technology practice,” said Stephen P. Tocco. Tocco is the CEO of ML Strategies, the wholly-owned consulting affiliate of Boston-based law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C. “He will also be working closely with our most recent hire, ML Strategies President and former state senator, Robert Havern, to continue to grow MLS’ significant practice in the energy arena.”

“Joining ML Strategies was a perfect match for me,” said O'Connor. “After working in the public sector for more than 20 years, the last few devoted primarily to advancing clean energy policies, I wanted to join a firm with a well established energy practice that was particularly interested in doing more with the clean technology community. ML Strategies and Mintz Levin have made a significant commitment to growing clean energy companies and I am very excited to be able to join my efforts with theirs.”

O'Connor directed Massachusetts’ energy policies for 5 different Governors. In that role, he implemented the state’s inaugural standards for renewable energy use and certificate trading and was a member of the State Energy Facilities Siting Board, which approved several billion dollars worth of new power plants across the state including the Cape Wind power plant. He also oversaw the operation of nationally recognized utility energy efficiency programs. In 1996, he negotiated the first-ever restructuring agreements with electric utilities and between 1998 and 2003 led Massachusetts’ participation in the federal deregulation of the region’s 15 billion dollar electricity market. O'Connor was also the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board, Chief of Staff for the Executive Office of Administration and Finance and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution.

In 1979, he helped establish the first regional environmental mediation service in the United States. For seven years, from 1985 to 1992, he was also an adjunct associate professor at Tufts University. O'Connor holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Bachelor's degree from Middlebury College.

O'Connor formally launches ML Strategies expanded energy practice on April 28th.

About ML Strategies

ML Strategies, LLC (MLS) is an issues management and a strategic consulting firm which serves clients in the areas of federal and Massachusetts government relations, public relations and crisis communications, real estate and energy- clean technology advisory services. MLS senior professionals cover a broad spectrum of industries including the energy, construction, gaming, telecommunications and financial sectors, among others.