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Andrew M. Cuomo - Governor

## Governor Cuomo Announces Confirmations

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### *Unanimous Confirmations for MTA, Thruway Authority and NYPA*

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the State Senate unanimously confirmed Joseph Lhota as Chairman and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Thomas Madison as Executive Director of the New York Thruway Authority, and Gil Quiniones as President and CEO of the New York Power Authority (NYPA).

"New York will benefit from the leadership and experience of these dedicated public servants," said Governor Cuomo. "These new members of the administration will transform the state's transportation and energy infrastructure while creating jobs for New Yorkers. I thank Majority Leader Skelos and Senators Fuschillo, Dilan, Ranzenhofer, Perkins, Maziarz, Parker, and DeFrancisco for the expeditious confirmation process."

Joseph Lhota said, "As a life-long New Yorker and transit rider, I understand the importance of the MTA to New York's economy and the responsibility of being chairman. I'm grateful to Governor Cuomo for his nomination and to the Senate for its support, and I look forward to creating a more efficient and effective MTA for our riders and New York taxpayers."

Thomas Madison said, "For decades, the New York State Thruway has effectively connected our communities as one super network across this great state. The Thruway System is not only a crucial physical link in New York – it also operates as an economic catalyst and jobs generator from Buffalo to New York City. I am privileged for the chance to lead and reinforce the Thruway Authority as a fundamental partner with Governor Cuomo and Chairman Milstein in their work to advance our state's infrastructure and economy."

Gil Quiniones said, "Since taking office, Governor Cuomo has made 'powering New York' into the future a top priority. I thank the Governor for the opportunity to help him make this priority a reality as we provide lower cost power to spur economic development, and make investments to support reliable, affordable and clean electricity for New York. These measures are integral to advancing the Governor's comprehensive vision for strengthening New York's economy."

Joseph Lhota served as the New York City Deputy Mayor for Operations under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, where he oversaw day-to-day management of the City and supervised City agencies. He also served as Budget Director, where he managed the City's \$36 billion operating budget and \$45 billion capital budget, cut costs, led agency reorganizations and consolidations, and implemented performance-based strategic planning. Mr. Lhota also served as the Commissioner of Finance for New York City and has been a Board Member of the MTA.

Most recently, Mr. Lhota was the Executive Vice President, Administration for The Madison Square Garden Company. His previous private sector experience includes serving as the Executive Vice President of Corporate Administration for Cablevision, the Director of Public Finance for First Boston, and the Managing Director of the Municipal Securities Group for PaineWebber Incorporated.

Mr. Lhota received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and graduated cum laude from Georgetown University. He was born in the Bronx, raised on Long Island, and lives in Brooklyn. He is the son of a retired New York Police Department lieutenant and the grandson of a New York City Fire Department firefighter and a New York City taxi driver.

Thomas Madison was Vice President and Director of Transportation Policy at STV, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in design services and

construction management for transportation systems and infrastructure projects.

From 2008 to 2009, Mr. Madison served as Federal Highway Administrator at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Previously, he served as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation from 2005 to 2007 and was Deputy Secretary for Transportation from 2004 to 2005. He also held the positions of Director of State and Local Government Affairs from 2001 to 2003 and Deputy Appointments Director from 1999 to 2000.

Mr. Madison received a B.A. from SUNY Geneseo in 1988. He is a member of the New York State Association of Transportation Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies and has served as chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Program Review Board and the New York State Public Transportation Safety Board.

Gil C. Quiniones previously served as acting president and CEO of the New York Power Authority, the nation's largest state electric utility. He was the chief operating officer since June 2008.

As COO, Mr. Quiniones was responsible for managing and monitoring the day-to-day activities of the Power Authority, which owns and operates 17 power plants and more than 1,400 circuit-miles of transmission lines in various parts of New York State. He oversees operations in such areas as power generation and transmission; project development and licensing; regulatory compliance; power resource planning and acquisition; energy efficiency and technology; power marketing and economic development; and corporate services and administration.

Quiniones is a member of the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute, the electric power industry's international research and development organization. He is also active in the affairs of two national public power organizations, serving on the Steering Committee of the Large Public Power Council and as the Power Authority's principal representative to the American Public Power Association.

Before joining the Power Authority staff in October 2007 as executive vice president of energy marketing and corporate affairs, Quiniones served for more than four years as senior vice president of energy and telecommunications for the New York City Economic Development Corporation. In that capacity, he was the city's chief consultant on energy policy issues and established and led Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Energy Policy Task Force, a public-private group that developed a comprehensive strategy for meeting future energy needs and helped formulate the energy-related initiatives in PlaNYC, the city's long-term sustainability plan. He also represented the city on then-Lieutenant Governor David A. Paterson's Renewable Energy Task Force and was the Chairman of the group's Subcommittee on Distributed Generation.

Also during his tenure at the EDC, Quiniones was co-chair of the New York City Telecommunications Task Force and of the city's Telecommunications Policy Advisory Group. He previously worked at Consolidated Edison and was one of four co-founders of Con Edison Solutions, the utility's unregulated energy services company.

Quiniones received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from De La Salle University in Manila and has completed graduate courses in engineering management and technology management at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. He has also participated in executive education programs at the Columbia University Business School.

Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos said, "My Senate colleagues and I are pleased to confirm Joe Lhota as Chairman of the MTA and Tom Madison as Executive Director of the New York State Thruway, and commend the Governor for his consistently strong nominations. Joe Lhota's broad experience in both the public and private sectors will serve him well in this role, allowing him to work with all the stakeholders to eliminate waste and create a more efficient MTA for the millions of New Yorkers who depend on mass transit. While we were successful in repealing the onerous MTA payroll tax for tens of thousands of businesses and all schools, the MTA continues to face many challenges. Senator Fuschillo, the Chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee, and all of our members will partner with Joe Lhota to meet those challenges. Tom Madison's extensive experience in government and the private sector, along with his vast knowledge of transportation issues, will serve him well in this role. I, along with Senator Fuschillo, the Chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee, and all of our members look forward to working with Tom to ensure the safety, reliability and progress of the Thruway, a vitally important part of our state's infrastructure."

Senator Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., Chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee, said, "The MTA faces a number of financial challenges, and its next leader must find ways to improve its finances without simply raising fares on overburdened riders. Joe Lhota brings extensive public and private sector experience in managing budgets and finding ways to do more. That's exactly the type of leader the MTA needs and its riders deserve. I applaud Governor Cuomo for this nomination and I wish Chairman Lhota all the best and look forward to working with him in his new position. Once again, Governor Cuomo deserves credit for submitting an outstanding nominee in Thomas Madison. Mr. Madison's wealth of governmental, transportation, and administrative experience make him well qualified to lead to the New York State Thruway Authority, address the challenges it faces, and ensure that it is safe, reliable, and efficient for the 271 million vehicles that depend on the Thruway each year. I look forward to working with Executive Director Madison and wish him the very best for success."

Senator Martin Malave Dilan, Ranking Member of the Senate's Transportation Committee, said, "The nomination of Joseph Lhota as Chairman and CEO of the MTA is smart and practical. Governor Cuomo has selected someone with the kind of financial background needed to tackle the budget challenges that have plagued the agency for years. I look forward to working with him. In addition, Thomas Madison's years at the helm of both federal and state transportation agencies are a welcomed addition to the Thruway Authority. Governor Cuomo's nomination of Mr. Madison as Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority says a lot about his commitment to our state's infrastructure. I'm positive Mr. Madison will have a great impact on the authority and I look forward to working with him."

Senator Michael Ranzenhofer, Chair of the Senate Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, said, "Tom is more than qualified to lead the Thruway Authority. New York's highways are vital to the day-to-day operations of businesses, supporting many jobs as a critical part of New York's economy. His extensive transportation experience - both at the state and federal level - will ensure our highways continue to serve as the backbone of the State's economy. I look forward to working with Tom as Executive Director of the Thruway Authority."

Senator Bill Perkins, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, said, "I strongly support and applaud Governor Cuomo's appointment of Thomas Madison to head the Thruway Authority. With a wealth of experience and transportation knowledge from decades of public service, I am confident he will be committed to making improvements to our infrastructure and economic development, and continue his strong support for MWBE programs. I look forward to working with Mr. Madison and the Governor as we continue to build a stronger, better New York."

Senator George Maziarz, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, said, "As someone who has had a lot of interaction with the Power Authority in recent years, I have come to know Gil Quiniones as an industry professional who has the experience, know-how, and desire to lead this agency forward. Most importantly, Gil understands how integral the Power Authority is to our energy supply and our economic development efforts across the state, and he wants to sustain and bolster its role in these areas. I wish him the best of success as he officially takes the helm at NYPA and I look forward to continuing to work with him."

Senator Kevin Parker, Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, said, "I applaud Governor Cuomo for selecting Gil Quiniones to head the New York Power Authority. I am confident Gil will lead New York's energy sector through harnessing its great potential for job creation, infrastructure development, and increasing our renewable energy portfolio. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo and Mr. Quiniones to ensure that New York continues to have a bright future."

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