



Essential Utilities Announces Election of Christopher Bruner and Tamara Linde to Board of Directors

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BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 2, 2024-- Essential Utilities Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) announces Christopher Bruner and Tamara Linde as the newest members of its board of directors. Mr. Bruner will chair Essential's audit committee and serve on the executive compensation committee. Ms. Linde will serve on the corporate governance committee and the risk mitigation and investment policy committee.

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Bruner is an Assurance Partner at Ernst & Young (EY), where he's worked for 36 years. He spent time in the firm's Texas and Virginia offices before relocating to Philadelphia in 2005. Prior to his current role, he served as the Philadelphia Office Managing Partner from 2008-2020, and has worked with many public companies across numerous industries during his time with the company. Bruner will retire from EY in December of this year.

In addition, Bruner serves on EY's East Region Center for Board Matters. In this role, he works closely with both audit and non-audit clients as well as internal account teams to support boards, committees and directors in their oversight function by connecting them to content, thought leadership and education to address complex boardroom issues.

Bruner earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University in 1985. He serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, Chairman of the Audit Committee for Main Line Health and serves on the Board of Directors for the Union League of Philadelphia.

Since 2014, Ms. Linde has held the position of Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (NYSE: PEG), a Fortune 500 regulated energy infrastructure company that is powering a future where people use less energy, that's cleaner, safer and delivered more reliably than ever. She is widely recognized for her extensive experience in the legal and regulatory sectors of the energy industry.

Ms. Linde has over 30 years of experience in various roles with responsibilities involving energy, regulatory, legal, risk, environmental, governmental affairs, and transactions.

Ms. Linde serves on the board of Community Foundation of New Jersey, where she is immediate past chair, PSEG Foundation and is a Member of the American Arbitration Association / International Centre for Dispute Resolution Council (AAA / ICDR). Ms. Linde currently serves as Chair of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Legal Committee and previously served as a member of the General Counsel Steering Committee of The National Association of Corporate Directors, was past President of the Northeast chapter of the Energy Bar Association and was past chair of the Energy Bar Association Electricity Regulation and Compliance Committee.

Linde received her JD from Seton Hall University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University. She is a member of the bars of New Jersey, New York, the District of Columbia, and Texas.

About Essential Utilities

Essential Utilities, Inc. (NYSE:WTRG) delivers safe, reliable services that improve quality of life for individuals, families and entire communities. With a focus on water, wastewater and natural gas, Essential is committed to sustainable growth, operational excellence, a superior customer experience and premier employer status. We are advocates for the communities we serve, donating more than \$4 million from the Essential Foundation each year, and are dedicated stewards of natural lands, protecting more than 7,600 acres of forests and other habitats throughout our footprint.

Operating as the Aqua and Peoples brands, Essential serves approximately 5.5 million people across 9 states. Essential is one of the most significant publicly traded water, wastewater service and natural gas providers in the U.S. Learn more at www.essential.co.

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