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Commissioner, Vermont Public Utility Commission

2013-present

As one of three commissioners, I serve in a decision-making role at the Public Utility Commission, which regulates the siting of electric and natural gas infrastructure and supervises the rates and quality of service of Vermont's public utilities, including electric, gas, energy efficiency, and telecommunications. I also serve on the board of the New England Utility Cybersecurity Integration Collaborative (NEUCIC), which works with federal partners to provide utilities with tools to address cybersecurity issues.

I was serving as vice-chair of the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee when I was first appointed by Governor Peter Shumlin (and subsequently reappointed by Governor Phil Scott) to the PUC. At the time of my appointment, I was deeply involved in the State's burgeoning focus on energy issues, which I have continued in my role as a regulator.

Elected positions

Vermont House of Representatives
Windsor-Orange 2

2005-2013

As vice-chair of the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee, I sponsored bills ranging from the State's initial standard-offer program to the Universal Recycling Law, among many others.

Chair, Norwich and Dresden School Boards
Norwich, VT, and Hanover, NH

1998-2005

Past employment

Faculty member, Sharon Academy, Sharon, VT: upper-level Spanish and environmental science

Freelance writer: *Washington Post* book review section, Arcadia Press

Managing Editor, *The Washingtonian*, Washington, DC

Newspaper reporter and editor, Menlo-Atherton Recorder, Menlo Park, CA

Education

Harvard University, BA with honors, Bowdoin Prize

As the daughter of a career Foreign Service officer, I grew up and was educated in Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, India, Peru, and Washington, DC (visiting both sets of grandparents in Vermont).