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Meiser To Lead MetCom

The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission is very pleased to announce the selection of Mrs. Jacquelyn V. Meiser, Esq., to be the next Commission Director when the current Director, Steven L. King, retires on February 27th. Mrs. Meiser, who has been the Commission's General Counsel since 2002, will continue to serve in that capacity. Meiser was selected by a unanimous vote of the Commission at their monthly board meeting this afternoon.

Mrs. Meiser is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Her career with the Commission began in 1991 and has spanned the past 17 years. From 1991- 1996 she served as the Commission's Grant Administrator which enabled her to acquire extensive background in Federal and State water and wastewater construction grant regulations and procedures, as well as related construction, engineering, planning and operational principals. Since 2002 she has served as the Commission's General Counsel. As General Counsel she gained extensive knowledge of the legal, financial and human resources principals that govern the Commission's operations, as well as the state and federal regulations that govern water and wastewater utilities in Maryland and throughout the United States. As General Counsel, Mrs. Meiser authored the recent overhaul of the Commission's capital improvement financing legislation that was approved by the Maryland General Assembly and implemented in 2007.

While serving as the Commission Grant Administrator she attended evening sessions of the University Of Baltimore School Of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctorate degree in 1996. After practicing land use and environmental law with the law firm of Fossett & Brugger, Chtd. from 1996-1999, she returned to St. Mary's County first practicing with the firm of Lacer, Sparling, Densford & Reynolds, P.C., then opening her own practice, Law Offices of Jacquelyn V. Meiser, P.C. in 2001. Her private practice in St. Mary's County which has focused primarily in the areas of land use, zoning, real estate, corporate and administrative law, has enabled Mrs. Meiser to develop an extensive background in the local zoning, land use and real estate principals that effect Metropolitan Commission activities.

Mrs. Meiser is an active member of the Lexington Park Rotary Club. She has served on the Board of Directors of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, the Patuxent River Navy League and Father Andrew White School. She currently serves on the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Board and is the Chairperson of the Hospital Gala.

The Law Offices of Jacquelyn V. Meiser, P.C. will continue to conduct business in accordance with the terms and conditions of a recent opinion of the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission.