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Ms. Carmody is the President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). NASUCA is a national organization of state agencies that have been designated by their respective state legislatures to represent utility consumer interests before state or federal regulatory agencies. She served a one-year term in 2011-2012 and was re-elected as President at the November, 2012 NASUCA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. As President of NASUCA, Ms. Carmody speaks at a variety of meetings and conferences on energy issues and policies that affect utility consumers.

Paula Carmody is the People's Counsel for the State of Maryland. She was appointed to this position by the Attorney General of Maryland, and has been the head of the Office of People's Counsel (OPC), an independent state agency, since 2007. The Maryland People's Counsel represents the interests of Maryland residential utility consumers in state and federal regulatory proceedings and courts and before the Maryland General Assembly.

Ms. Carmody has had extensive experience working on consumer issues. She previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, from 2004 – 2007. While there, she was responsible for investigating violations of, and enforcing, Maryland's Consumer Protection Act and related consumer protection laws. Prior to that, Ms. Carmody served as an Assistant People's Counsel for fifteen years with the Office of People's Counsel (OPC). During that time she represented OPC in numerous rate case and other utility matters before the Maryland Public Service Commission and handled interstate gas matters at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). She developed a particular expertise in consumer protection matters, particularly relating to the protection of residential consumers in the restructured gas and electric industries in Maryland.

In addition to her government service, Ms. Carmody has held legal positions in the non-profit sector. She was the Managing Attorney of the Baltimore, Maryland office of the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan and before then, was a Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., in Maryland. In those positions, she represented autoworkers and low-income households in a variety of civil matters in state and federal courts.

Ms. Carmody graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.