

Ms Audrey Zibelman, CEO, Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

Ms Zibelman has extensive experience in the public, private and not-for profit energy and electricity sectors in the United States, most recently having held the positions of Commissioner and Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission (NYPSC) where she was responsible for overseeing the regulation and safety of New York's electric, gas, telephone, cable, water and steam utilities.

During her tenure at the NYPSC, Ms Zibelman led the design and implementation of extensive regulatory and retail market changes to modernise and transform the state's electricity industry under New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's 'Reforming the Energy Vision' plan.

A recognised national and international expert in energy policy, markets and Smart Grid innovation, Ms Zibelman is a Founder and past President and Chief Executive Officer of Viridity Energy, Inc., which she formed after more than 25 years of electric utility industry leadership experience in both the public and private sectors.

Previously, Ms Zibelman was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of GO15 member organisation, PJM, a regional transmission organisation responsible for operating the power grid and wholesale power market which serves 14 states across the eastern United States.

Ms Zibelman also held legal and executive positions at Xcel Energy, served as General Counsel to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and was Special Assistant Attorney General in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.

During her career, Ms Zibelman has served on numerous industry-related and non-profit boards, including, but not limited to the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Reliability Councils. Ms Zibelman's board experience also includes Advisor to Secretary of Energy for the US Department of Energy and Advisory Council, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the New York State Planning Board and the New York State Emergency Planning Council.

Ms Zibelman holds an Executive MBA from the Carlson School of Management and a Bachelor of Arts from Pennsylvania State University and a JD/LLD-Doctor of Jurisprudence (Law) degree from Hamline University School of Law.

Winner of the 2016 Dive Awards: Policymaker of the Year by leading industry news publisher, Utility Dive: In November 2016, NY PSC Chair Audrey Zibelman was named the winner of the 2016 Dive Awards: Policymaker of the Year.

Most Influential Since 1990: Audrey Zibelman was named in the top 20 list of lions and luminaries who led the changes in utilities, in Fortnightly Magazine June 2016.