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## Former FERC Senior Enforcement Attorney Joins Husch Blackwell's Energy Regulation Team, Leads Energy Compliance and Enforcement Efforts

Husch Blackwell welcomes Senior Counsel Demetrios G. Pulas to the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Pulas joins the firm's Energy Regulation practice. With his extensive background at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, he will counsel clients on the development and implementation of energy regulatory compliance programs and in FERC enforcement matters.

Pulas will lead Husch Blackwell's team focused on energy compliance and enforcement. The group will include Energy Regulation leader Bill Demarest, former FERC Chairman Jim Hoecker, and former senior FERC gas and oil attorney Marvin Griff. With their combined expertise spanning the full range of FERC regulatory areas, the group will work with clients on electricity, natural gas and oil compliance matters and enforcement investigations. To assist with compliance and enforcement matters, they will also be supported by Partner Kevin McCart, of the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense team, and Tessa Jacob and Randy Mullendore, co-chairs of the firm's E-Discovery group.

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Pulas worked in FERC's Office of Enforcement (and its predecessors) for more than 20 years. He was involved in a wide range of regulatory enforcement and compliance matters involving electric utilities, electric transmission companies, Independent System Operators, Regional Transmission Organizations, interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines, natural gas producers, independent marketers and oil pipelines.

Pulas earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. (1974) and his B.S. in Government & Public Administration, with honors, from American University in Washington, D.C. (1970).

Husch Blackwell represents clients throughout the energy and natural resources sectors, providing a full range of legislative, regulatory, transactional, commercial and litigation services. Members of the firm's Energy group understand the evolving energy and natural resources sectors and help clients take advantage of a constantly changing environment to achieve their strategic goals.