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NU Executive Joins State Higher Education Board

HARTFORD, May 22 — Jean M. LaVecchia, vice president of Human Resources and Ethics Officer for the Northeast Utilities system (NU), has been sworn-in as a new member of the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education, the state coordinating agency for Connecticut's colleges and universities.

Frank W. Ridley, chairman of the Board, administered the oath of office to LaVecchia during a monthly meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education held Wednesday (May 21) at the University of Connecticut School of Business Graduate Learning Center in Hartford.

LaVecchia, of **Killingworth**, was nominated to the Board in March by State Senate President Pro Tempore Donald E. Williams, Jr. Her nomination was confirmed recently by the General Assembly as required by state statute. She replaces Ross Hollander of Bloomfield.

At NU, LaVecchia is responsible for human resources, including workforce development, ethics and safety. Most recently, she played an active role in securing funds from the NU Foundation for UConn's School of Engineering Sustainable Energy program and for revitalizing Naugatuck Valley Community College's technical program and scholarship opportunities.

A native of Connecticut, LaVecchia joined NU in 1999. She has more than 25 years in the telecommunications and banking industries at Southern New England Telecom Corporation (SNET, now AT&T) and People's Bank where she held management roles in strategic planning, finance, human resources and organization development.

LaVecchia graduated from Connecticut College summa cum laude in 1973 and received her MBA in finance from the University of Connecticut in 1980.

She is vice-chair of the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology and is a member of the advisory board for Project Opening Doors, responsible for overseeing the NMSI grant for facilitating the expansion of advanced placement programs in mathematics and science in Connecticut's secondary schools. She also is a member of the board of St. Vincent's Medical System in Bridgeport.

In addition to LaVecchia and Ridley, other members of the Board of Governors are: Brian J. Flaherty of Watertown, Vice-Chair; William Aniskovich of Branford; Dorothea E. Brennan of Fairfield; James H. Gatling of Southington; Harry H. Penner, Jr. of Guilford; Jean E. Reynolds of Danbury; Robert Robins of Stamford; Albert B.Vertefeuille of Lebanon; and Margaret J. Villani of Monroe.

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