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**WILLKIE ACCELERATES GROWTH IN WASHINGTON OFFICE WITH
TWO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

- *Norman C. Bay, former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Priya R. Aiyar, former Acting General Counsel for the Treasury Department, join the firm as partners*
- *Willkie's regulatory and enforcement defense platform continues to attract top government talent*
- *Additions significantly enhance Willkie's FERC enforcement defense practice*

New York, NY (September 5, 2017) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that former Chairman (and Director of the Office of Enforcement) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Norman C. Bay and former Acting General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury Priya R. Aiyar have joined the firm as partners in the Washington office.

“These newest additions continue the accelerated growth of the firm’s Washington office, which has become a top destination for some of the most talented senior government officials seeking a successful platform to maximize their skills and experience,” said Matthew Feldman, Willkie’s partner in charge of the Washington office. “Norman and Priya join notable officials from the SEC, FCC, DOC, CFTC, ITC, DOJ and NTIA, as well as the White House and State Department, who have built successful practices at Willkie after concluding their government service, and have depth and expertise for our clients.”

Mr. Bay will serve as Head of the firm's Energy Regulatory and Enforcement Group. Mr. Bay and Ms. Aiyar each bring to the firm extensive regulatory experience at the highest levels of practice.

"Norman's comprehensive understanding of FERC's regulatory and enforcement priorities will benefit clients seeking to navigate FERC-regulated transaction and enforcement issues," stated Washington-based energy and commodities partner Paul Pantano, who is a former trial attorney for the CFTC's Division of Enforcement. "As a former U.S. Attorney, Norman is also a valuable addition to the firm's white-collar defense practice, particularly in parallel investigations involving FERC or CFTC and DOJ."

"Willkie has a premier energy practice with offices in New York, Houston and Washington that provide a peerless ability to represent clients across a broad spectrum of complex regulatory matters, transactions and enforcement defense before the CFTC, FERC and DOJ," stated Mr. Bay. "I am deeply honored to join Willkie as the Head of its Energy Regulatory and Enforcement Group and to work with its extraordinary lawyers, including leaders like Paul Pantano and Bruce Herzog."

"Priya is an exceptional attorney whose government experience has spanned the financial services, energy, technology and communications sectors," added Mr. Feldman. "Her broad experience as a litigation partner in private practice as well as at Treasury, DOE and FCC will serve clients facing a spectrum of litigation and regulatory challenges."

"I am thrilled to join a firm of Willkie's caliber and a litigation department of extraordinary breadth and depth," said Ms. Aiyar. "I look forward to working with my new colleagues and helping clients navigate an ever-changing regulatory environment."

Norman C. Bay

As the former Chairman of FERC, Mr. Bay led the independent federal agency in its jurisdiction over the U.S. wholesale natural gas and electricity markets, as well as interstate natural gas and oil pipelines. As both FERC Chairman and in his earlier tenure as the agency's Director of Enforcement, he presided over the most active period in the history of FERC's enforcement program. Additionally, as a former Commissioner of FERC, he was integral in shaping agency

policy and conducting stakeholder outreach. Mr. Bay also previously served as the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, where he was responsible for overseeing federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation involving the United States, and developing and implementing enforcement policy, priorities and practices. Mr. Bay brings a unique blend of strengths to Willkie with his background in energy markets, regulation and policy coupled with extensive litigation experience developed as a former federal prosecutor and U.S. Attorney.

Priya R. Aiyar

At Treasury, Ms. Aiyar was the chief legal officer overseeing approximately 2,000 lawyers. She advised the Secretary and other senior department officials on a wide range of issues relating to domestic finance, international economic affairs, tax policy, terrorism finance and financial crimes enforcement. Prior to Treasury, Ms. Aiyar served as the Department of Energy's Deputy General Counsel for Environmental and Nuclear Programs, where she led five offices covering environmental, nuclear, international and security issues, and as Legal Adviser to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, supervising the regulatory and policy work of more than 250 staff. She also previously served as Deputy Chief Counsel for the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. Additionally, Ms. Aiyar was a partner at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, and was a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen G. Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court and the Honorable Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Mr. Bay will practice in Willkie's Corporate & Financial Services Department and Ms. Aiyar will practice in the Litigation Department and Government Relations Practice Group.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP is an international law firm of more than 700 attorneys with offices in New York, Washington, Houston, Paris, London, Frankfurt, Brussels, Milan and Rome.

Willkie's comprehensive regulatory capabilities in Washington complement the firm's transactional practice areas as well as particular industries including energy, technology and communications, to provide clients with a full range of legal and regulatory services.