



AUSTIN TX, August 1, 2022 - Tonya Baer Miller, former Public Utility Counsel, and ERCOT board member, takes the helm of the Texas Solar Power Association

The Texas Solar Power Association (TSPA), a leading voice advocating for the development of solar generation in Texas, has made a significant hire appointing Tonya Baer Miller as Executive Director.

Tonya is a well-known leader with over 20 years of experience in Texas State government, focused on energy and environmental issues. She served as the executive head of the Office of Public Utility Counsel, having first been appointed by Governor Rick Perry and then reappointed by Governor Greg Abbott twice. Tonya represented Texas ratepayers in front of the Public Utility Commission for three terms, from 2013 to 2018, during contentious resource adequacy discussions. Most recently, she has led almost 400 employees at the Office of Air at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, working with stakeholders, interested parties, and industry leaders to secure continued economic growth and ensure that Texans are safe from air contaminants.

Lynnae Willette, Board President of TSPA and Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs for EDF Renewable Energy, stated: "Tonya has a proven reputation of success at all levels of state government and the members of TSPA are thrilled to welcome her to our organization and excited for her leadership on issues critical to the industry and our state's energy reliability."

"After a number of years working on many aspects of Texas's energy policy," included Tonya, "I am excited to work with the members of TSPA and state policymakers to further establish and expand Texas's robust solar energy industry. Texas has become the largest market for solar in the US due to our strong market fundamentals. We must ensure that state policies do not hinder the continued growth of this resource which makes the grid more reliable and lowers costs to consumers."

Ms. Baer Miller received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of South Dakota and completed both the senior management and executive management programs at the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs Governor's Center for Management Development.

