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## **FORMER GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES JOINS BROWN RUDNICK**

*Andrew O. Kaplan brings significant legal and regulatory experience to augment Firm's Energy, Cleantech and Telecommunications Practices*

**Boston, MA, April 28, 2010** – Brown Rudnick, an international law firm, today announced that Andrew O. Kaplan has joined the Firm's Boston office as a Partner in the Firm's Energy & Utilities Group, bringing over 20 years of private and public energy law experience.

Mr. Kaplan advises renewable energy and cleantech companies on how to operate on the electric grid. He represents clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Independent System Operators (NYISO, ISO-NE, PJM, Midwest ISO and California ISO). He also represents clients before public utility commissions on cases involving siting, ratemaking, the development of service-quality performance standards, long-range planning and procurement processes, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate financing.

From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Kaplan served as the general counsel and chief of staff of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (now the Department of Public Utilities), serving as the chief legal and policy advisor to the regulatory Commission with statutory oversight of the natural gas, electric, and telecommunications industries. In that position, Mr. Kaplan served as the legal and legislative liaison to federal regulatory agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the FERC.

Comments Brown Rudnick CEO Joseph F. Ryan, "Andrew's profile and practice base will not only add depth to our existing traditional energy practice, but will expand our national platform in the renewable and cleantech sectors. With his broad energy expertise, Andrew



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will help clients manage the complex interrelationship between federal and state regulation.”

Mr. Kaplan is the second former member of the Department of Public Utilities leadership to join Brown Rudnick. In 2006, Paul G. Afonso, the former Chairman of the Department of Public Utilities, joined to lead the Firm’s Boston Government Law and Strategies Group. With 20 years of energy, legislative and regulatory experience and a strong background in international trade law, Mr. Afonso is noted for his expertise in regulatory policies and legislation related to electricity, gas, water, cable television, telecommunications, pipeline engineering and safety, railway, trucking and bus services.

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