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**Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Migden-Ostrander  
Receives 2010 *Inspiring Efficiency Award* for Leadership**

**November 10, 2009, Chicago, IL** – Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) ([mwalliance.org](http://mwalliance.org)) today announced that Ohio Consumers' Counsel ([pickocc.org](http://pickocc.org)), Janine Migden-Ostrander, is among the winners of its 2010 *Inspiring Efficiency Awards*, the organization's 6<sup>th</sup> annual competition recognizing Midwest leaders who deliver groundbreaking advancements for energy efficiency through Leadership, Education, Impact, Innovation and Marketing.

Migden-Ostrander earned the LEADERSHIP Award in the Consumer and Public Sector, recognizing organizations or individuals who have served as strong leaders in support of energy efficiency.

Migden-Ostrander has successfully advocated for energy efficiency and demand response programs, codes and legislation in Ohio and throughout the Midwest. Her work and testimony was instrumental in ensuring that Senate Bill 221, Ohio's sweeping energy legislation, passed with energy efficiency benchmarks and accountability standards.

Migden-Ostrander demonstrated that consumer and environmental groups could work together, with the formation of the Ohio Consumer and Environmental Advocates (OCEA). She has also led the development of collaborative working groups for each electric and natural gas utility in Ohio to pursue a cooperative approach to energy efficiency. For more information, contact Ryan Lippe at 614-466-7269 or [lippe@occ.state.oh.us](mailto:lippe@occ.state.oh.us).

The winners will be honored at the *Inspiring Efficiency Awards Dinner and Gala* on Thursday, January 14, 2010, during MEEA's *Midwest Energy Solutions Conference* ([www.meeaconference.org](http://www.meeaconference.org)), taking place January 13-15, 2010, at InterContinental Chicago, the first ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> certified hotel in Chicago. During the Dinner and Gala, a special award, the *Inspiring Efficiency Chairman's Award*, will be announced to honor exemplary leadership for energy efficiency in the Midwest and support of MEEA.

**About Janine Migden-Ostrander**

As Consumers' Counsel, Janine L. Migden-Ostrander oversees the state agency that represents the interests of Ohio's 4.5 million residential households with their investor-owned electric, natural gas, telephone and water companies.

Migden-Ostrander was sworn into office on Monday, April 5, 2004 by the Ohio Attorney General. Prior to being appointed Consumers' Counsel by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's Governing Board, Migden-Ostrander was a partner in the law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks and served as Co-Chair of the firm's Utility and Regulatory Practice Group.

In her role as Consumers' Counsel, Migden-Ostrander has championed a variety of energy and telecommunication policies including integrated portfolio management, alternative sources of energy, energy efficiency programs and innovative rate designs in the energy industry to the delivery of broadband services and other technologies to rural and urban customers. Migden-Ostrander has also made it an agency priority to find solutions for the growing number of customers who struggle with affordability of utility services. She is intent on addressing ways to improve traditional avenues of advocacy and outreach and education programming, as well as setting policy ground rules to increase the effectiveness of the Consumers' Counsel in regulatory hearings.

Migden-Ostrander's career in public utilities began at the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, where she served as an administrative assistant before earning a law degree from Capital University. She then was promoted to Assistant Consumers' Counsel for the agency and litigated a variety of cases that involved electric, natural gas, telephone and water companies.

Migden-Ostrander's previous experience also includes serving as Senior Director of Government Affairs for Enron Corporation and as Special Prosecutor for Montgomery County. She has been involved in proceedings before numerous state utility commissions, and has monitored activities and worked on policy issues involving state and federal energy and telecommunications matters. In addition, she has worked on legislation in numerous states involving a variety of issues including natural gas and electric competition.

Migden-Ostrander is a past board member of Green Energy Ohio, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, the Ohio Environmental Council and the National Low Income Energy Consortium. She currently serves on the National Coal Council, a federal advisory committee to the U.S. Secretary of Energy, as well as the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumers Advocates and on the Board of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. She earned a bachelor of arts from the State University of New York, and earned a Certificat de la Langue et Civilisation Francaise from the Universite de la Sorbonne in Paris, France.

**About MEEA – *The Source on Energy Efficiency***

The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance ([www.mwalliance.org](http://www.mwalliance.org)) is a collaborative network advancing energy efficiency in the Midwest to support sustainable economic development and environmental preservation.

MEEA promotes the market transformation of energy efficiency technologies, processes and best practices within a 13-state area, through policy advocacy, program design and facilitation and piloting of energy technologies. MEEA bridges the gap between policy adoption and program implementation.