

JANICE GARRISON NICHOLAS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Janice Garrison Nicholas was named Chief Accountant and Director, Division of Audits and Accounting, of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on November 8, 2005. In this position in the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations, she has responsibility for financial and operational audits and accounting matters.

Ms. Nicholas has held various executive, management and staff positions during her 26-year career with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Prior to her appointment as Chief Accountant, she served as the Director of the Division of Financial Audits in the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations since August 2004. In that position, she was responsible for developing and leading the Commission's audit program of financial issues for jurisdictional electric, natural gas pipeline and oil pipeline companies.

From 2000-2004, she served as a policy advisor in various positions within the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates providing guidance on a number of rates and tariffs matters.

Prior to joining the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, she worked for over twenty years in the Commission's Office of Chief Accountant. During her tenure, she held a number of positions, including the position of Deputy Chief Accountant, where she developed and led a number of policy initiatives related to accounting and financial reporting matters. In addition, she advised the Commission on numerous accounting and financial reporting policy matters. From 1977-1984, she conducted comprehensive financial audits of jurisdictional electric, natural gas pipeline and oil pipeline companies.

Ms. Nicholas is a graduate of the University of Maryland - College Park with a B.S. in Accounting. She is a certified public accountant in the State of Maryland.