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Airports Authority Board of Directors Selects Vice President and General Counsel

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority today approved the appointment of Philip G. Sunderland to the position of Vice President and General Counsel for the Airports Authority. Mr. Sunderland will fill the position that has been held by Edward S. Faggen since the creation of the Airports Authority in 1987. Mr. Faggen announced his retirement from the Airports Authority earlier this year.

Mr. Sunderland has served as the Secretary and Counsel to the Airports Authority Board of Directors since July of 2007. Before joining the Airports Authority, Mr. Sunderland was the chief of staff for Congressman James Moran (VA, 8th). Prior to his work on Capitol Hill, he served as the City Manager for five years and the City Attorney for 14 years for the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Sunderland has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations in Northern Virginia, was a member of a Virginia General Assembly task force that prepared a re-codification of the Local Government chapter of the Virginia Code, and has served as a teaching fellow at the Stanford Law School and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a graduate of the Stanford University Law School and Dartmouth College.

Mr. Faggen came to the Airports Authority after a 17-year career with the Federal Aviation Administration. He began his career in the Airports Branch of the General Legal Services Division of the FAA, and then with its Environmental Law Staff. He was appointed Counsel to the FAA's Metropolitan Washington Airports organization in 1978 and became General Counsel to the Airports Authority when it was formed in 1987.

Mr. Faggen was instrumental in shepherding the new regional organization through its organizational development. Among his accomplishments over the years are: the development of the use and lease agreements with the airlines at Reagan National and Dulles International Airports; codification of the regulations which govern the operation of the airports; the development of standards and performance requirements for taxi service at the airports; and land purchase and lease agreements for major developments at Dulles International Airport including the location of the Air and Space Museum Hazy Center; and most recently preparing a successful route case in which DOT awarded United Airlines daily capital-to-capital Dulles/Beijing routes.

He was an active participant in the Airports Council International- North America, and served as Chairman of that organization's Legal Committee

He is a graduate of Brooklyn College with a B.A. in Political Science and Rutgers University School of Law J.D.