

Barbara Kates-Garnick
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Energy Undersecretary Barbara Kates-Garnick's experience has spanned public and private arenas in the energy, regulatory and public policy sectors.

Kates-Garnick was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick after serving several years as an independent consultant in academia and private business. Most recently, she advised the Polytechnic Institute of New York University on issues related to urban systems, clean technology, energy policy and entrepreneurship. At New York University, she created a successful proposal for the \$1.5 million New York City Accelerator for Clean and Renewable Energy, a showcase for clean energy technology. She has also served as a consultant to Con Edison, and on a team revising New York City's sustainability plan, known as PlaNYC.

Her previous energy positions with the Commonwealth include serving as a former Department of Public Utilities (DPU) commissioner and member of the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and as a DPU director responsible for developing Massachusetts' first natural gas deregulation policy. She is also a former assistant secretary in the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs, where she managed various aspects and budgets of the Public Utilities Division and the Department of Energy Resources – both of which now falls under EEA and will be part of her portfolio of energy agencies and programs.

Kates-Garnick's private sector achievements include serving as an officer at KeySpan where, as corporate affairs vice president, she developed energy policy strategy and directed the governmental communications and community relations teams. She also founded the New England office of New Energy Ventures, a successful electric supplier that now operates nationally as Constellation NewEnergy.

Kates-Garnick earned her PhD at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and an undergraduate degree in political science at Bryn Mawr College.