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JUDITH T. PIERCE NAMED MTA'S CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Judith Pierce, an attorney with 12-years senior level transit management experience, has been selected as the MTA's Chief Administrative Officer. She will assume her new position Sept. 19. Pierce currently is Assistant General Manager for rail operations at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) in Philadelphia, where she also served as Chief Administrative Officer from January, 1990 through the end of 1992. "We are pleased to have selected a seasoned professional as our Chief Administrative Officer," said Franklin White, MTA's Chief Executive Officer. "Judith brings excellent management skills and experience that will help shape the new MTA into a better agency. She will play a key role in helping me define and implement a strategic plan to take us into the 21st Century."

The MTA is responsible for transportation planning and rail construction throughout the county of Los Angeles. The Authority also is responsible for operation of the Blue and Red Lines as well as 80 percent of the bus transit services in the region.

White said Pierce will assist him in managing the day to day operations at the MTA and will be specifically responsible for the administrative and finance functions at the agency, including labor relations, procurement, and the Transit Police.

Before assuming her operations' duties, Pierce was SEPTA's Chief Administrative Officer with responsibility for implementing Authority wide policies and procedures and managing administrative functions, including labor relations (negotiations and contract administration for more than 14 unions), human resources, management information systems and the Transit Police Department, with 250 sworn officers and 100 security agents.

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Pierce has significant operating experience in managing large rail and bus transportation systems. At SEPTA, she is currently responsible for the financial, administrative and maintenance functions of the Subway/Elevated Division and for oversight of SEPTA's Transit Police Department.

From 1986 until she joined SEPTA in 1990, Pierce, as General Manager of the Brooklyn and then the Bronx bus divisions, was responsible for managing all bus operations in the two largest boroughs in New York City. As General Manager, she managed budgets in excess of \$200 million and was directly responsible for delivering service to millions of New Yorkers. Prior to that she served as Deputy Inspector General.

Before her transit management experience, Pierce served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Pierce earned her Juris Doctorate from Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey and her Bachelor of Arts in social and political sciences from The City College, New York.

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