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MTA Metro-North Railroad Names Three New Vice Presidents

MTA Metro-North President Howard Permut has announced the appointment of Raymond Burney as Senior Vice President of Administration, Robert C. MacLagger as Vice President of Planning and Seth J. Cummins as Vice President, General Counsel. These additions to the railroad's management team come at pivotal time as the railroad embarks on a five-year strategic business plan.

Burney, who has been Metro-North's Senior Director for Labor Relations, was chosen to head the new Administration Division, which will include Labor Relations, Human Resources, Procurement & Material Management and Employee Relations & Diversity.

Burney, who joined Metro-North in 1985, has directed the railroad's labor relations efforts for two decades.

"Burney has played a leadership role in negotiating and instituting programs that touch all employees and has been a significant contributor in creating Metro-North's Vision 2013 strategies," Permut said.

Vision 2013 is Metro-North's five-year strategic business planning effort for the railroad's 30th anniversary with a special emphasis on succession planning as many original employees will be eligible for retirement in that year.

MacLagger, has had many accomplishments during his 26-year career at this railroad, and most recently during his eight months as Acting Vice President.

"MacLagger is not only well prepared but highly qualified to lead the Planning Division," Permut said. "He has been a valued member of the Metro-North management team and I am confident in his ability to play a major role in planning and implementing our Vision 2013 goals."

Cummins has more than 30 years of experience in the practice of law, much of which was in service to the public.

For 15 years, Cummins served in New York City's Department of Transportation, ultimately becoming that agency's General Counsel. From 2002 to 2004, he also served as Counsel to the Brooklyn Borough President.

"Cummins' extensive experience at major New York City agencies in emergency management, transportation and law make him well qualified for the General Counsel position," Permut said.

He replaces Richard Bernard who retired in September 2008. Since that time, Special Counsel Richard Gans has been Acting General Counsel.

"We thank Rich, for his stable leadership to the Legal Department and good counsel and we are eager to continue working with him as Special Counsel," said Permut.