



**Morgan K. O'Brien**

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Morgan K. O'Brien is the CEO of Hearthstone Utilities. He recently also became the CEO of Hope Gas, Inc. He has previously served the roles of president and CEO of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC and Duquesne Light Company. He has more than 18 years of experience leading as CEO of two important public utility companies serving their regions. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, affiliated utilities serves approximately 740,000 customers in Southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. In that capacity, he was responsible for the company's strategic, operational and financial performance. Prior to joining Peoples Natural Gas, O'Brien served as president and CEO of Duquesne Light Holdings. Duquesne Light Company serves approximately 600,000 customers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. At Duquesne Light, O'Brien refocused the company as a solidly performing electricity utility and community partner. O'Brien joined Duquesne Light in 1991, holding several senior executive positions before becoming CEO. Prior to his tenure at Duquesne, he served in various management positions at PNC Bank and major accounting firms. Upon the closing of the Hope Gas acquisition last September, O'Brien reestablished the 100-plus-year-old company in West Virginia. In addition, he is orchestrating the largest infrastructure improvement and modernization project in the company's history. The company has committed to a multi-year multi-billion-dollar investment program to meet the growing energy needs of West Virginia as well as the families and businesses here that will dramatically grow the employment of skilled and highly trained laborers in West Virginia. At the same time, the program will improve the environmental impacts to the state, in particular the quality of air in the state. Recently, Hope Gas announced the acquisition of Peoples WV in West Virginia. O'Brien is just beginning to engage in civic organizations and with economic development leaders. He currently sits as chair of the board of trustees of his alma mater. He also has previously served on many boards; today, these include Matthews International and Watt Fuel Cell. O'Brien earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in taxation from Robert Morris University.