



James P. Laurito
President



James P. Laurito is the President of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, a regulated electric and natural gas utility serving approximately 375,000 customers in 8 counties of New York State's Mid-Hudson Valley. Mr. Laurito has held this position since January 2010, overseeing 850 employees and a 2,600 mile service territory.

Before joining Central Hudson, Mr. Laurito served as the President of both New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of RGS Energy Group, Inc., all subsidiaries of Iberdrola/Energy East Corporation. NYSEG and RG&E distribute electricity and natural gas to more than 1.8 million customers, serving about 50 percent of the population of upstate New York; Mr. Laurito was responsible for executive oversight of \$3.5 billion in annual revenue and 4,300 employees. Between 2000-2003, he served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Southern Connecticut Gas Company and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, subsidiaries of Energy East Corporation. Prior to his work in the energy industry, Mr. Laurito held executive and management positions in manufacturing with U.S. Steel, ALCOA, Crane Co. and U.S. Filter. He was also a founding principal in a start-up consulting company, D&L, Inc.

Mr. Laurito has served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York since 2005, first as a director of the Buffalo branch from 2005-2008, and as a director of the Upstate Advisory Board from 2008 - present. He also serves on the board of the American Gas Association, Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress and the Northeast Gas Association. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University in 1978, and completed an Executive Program in Finance and Manufacturing Management at Columbia University in 1996.

He lives in Rochester and Fishkill, New York with his wife VaNita and their son, Tyler.