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James M. Costan, Washington Energy Attorney,  
Named Gas Industry Standards Board General Counsel

HOUSTON—James M. Costan, partner in the Washington office of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP, has been named general counsel of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) by GISB's Board of Directors.

He succeeds Dennis Holbrook, who has been GISB's general counsel since January 1997.

Costan, a member of the energy and utilities practice group of McGuire Woods, has a B.A. degree from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University Law School. Before joining McGuire Woods in June 1999, he had his own law practice.

He represents clients in a wide range of public utility and energy matters, including energy transactions and the federal and state regulation of the sale and transmission of electricity and natural gas.

"Jay Costan is a distinguished attorney with extensive experience in energy and regulatory issues," GISB Executive Director Rae McQuade said. "GISB is very fortunate to have him as our new general counsel."

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