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Venn Welcomes Senior Department of Energy Official

WASHINGTON, DC – Venn Strategies, a nationally recognized public affairs and government relations firm twice named among the fastest-growing private companies in the United States (the “Inc. 5000”), announced that **Kate Marks** -- a key Department of Energy official through the Obama, Trump and Biden Administrations— has joined the firm as Senior Vice President. Marks most recently served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response (CESER).

Marks, an expert in state and federal critical infrastructure security, joins Venn’s booming Critical Infrastructure practice. During her years of federal service, Marks advised political and career officials and C-suite and trade executives on critical energy infrastructure protection and emergency response in the electricity and oil and natural gas sectors. She also engaged state and local officials in climate and workforce policy in DOE’s Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis. Prior to DOE, Marks testified before state policymakers and published technical guidance as a senior executive at the National Association of State Energy Officials and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Marks has led numerous industry-government initiatives to advance risk management, resilience and national security.

Venn principal Erik Olson, the firm’s chief operating officer and co-chair of the Critical Infrastructure group, hailed the addition of Marks as a reflection of the firm’s deep commitment to bringing leading expertise to the growing number of energy, battery material and recycling and transportation clients that Venn serves. “There’s no one quite as well-suited to help navigate the challenges that our critical infrastructure clients face than Kate Marks. She brings a valuable perspective to the steadily growing practice and her deep expertise in energy and cyber-security matters pairs well with our strategic growth.”

Along with the news of Marks’ addition to the firm, the Management Team also announced it has added two new associates -- Alexandra Holmes and Kyla Taylor – to the critical infrastructure team. Additionally, Jacob Petote and Tyler Lazenby joined the firm as a Client Services Associates.

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