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**LYNDA NICOLINO JOINS BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
AS CORPORATE GENERAL COUNSEL**

Bethpage, NY, July 14, 2014 – [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#), New York State’s largest credit union, announces the appointment of Lynda Nicolino as Corporate General Counsel of Bethpage Federal Credit Union. A new position for the [credit union](#), Nicolino will focus much of her time on handling the growing government regulation issues in the banking and credit union arenas, working closely with Bethpage and government regulators.

Prior to her appointment at Bethpage, Nicolino was the General Counsel and Secretary of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) where she worked for 15 years. During her tenure at LIPA, she was involved in the formation and negotiation of numerous energy initiatives and agreements, including securing new and replacement generation and transmission, energy efficiency and renewable projects for Long Island. Over the years, Lynda worked on nearly every aspect of LIPA’s business, including working closely with LIPA’s large Board of Trustees, in pursuit of Long Island’s electric resource needs.

“Lynda is a seasoned attorney with a keen ability to effectively navigate highly complex regulatory issues – something that will surely benefit Bethpage as we continue to grow,” said Kirk Kordeleski, President and CEO, Bethpage. “Her vast experience also includes a proficiency in corporate legal issues which will be of great strategic benefit to Bethpage. We are very fortunate to have Lynda join the Bethpage team.”

Prior to joining LIPA, Lynda supervised and managed the Suffolk Regional Office for the NYS Attorney General for nearly four years as Assistant Attorney General in Charge. Prior to her work with the Attorney General’s Office she worked for both a private law firm and as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County.

“Lynda has attained many great achievements for Long Island over the years and is a recognized leader, known for her valued counsel. We look forward to a strong working relationship,” continued Kordeleski.

“Bethpage is a recognized leader in the banking arena, with many accomplishments under its belt,” said Lynda Nicolino, Corporate General Counsel, Bethpage. “Now, more than ever, financial institutions have to operate under a more complex regulatory environment. I look forward to assisting Bethpage through this process, helping to continue to grow the credit union into the leading financial institution on Long Island.”

Lynda is a life-long resident of Long Island, having earned her undergraduate degree from Stony Brook University and her law degree from Hofstra University Law School. She is a graduate and member of the Board of Advisors for the Energeia Partnership of Molloy College, comprised of Long Island leaders dedicated to promoting civic responsibility and exploring solutions to issues affecting the region. Lynda also served on the Touro Law Center Board of Governors for several years and in 2012, was named one of Long Island’s 50 Most Influential Women by Long Island Business News. In 2013 Lynda was honored by Stony Brook University as a Distinguished Alumni, and continues her alumni activities related to student mentoring and speaking engagements. She currently resides in Sayville, NY.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative, existing solely to serve its members and has experienced rapid growth in recent years to become a strong alternative to banks. Bethpage was approved for the largest federal community charter in the U.S. in 2003 and now is New York State’s largest credit union and Long Island’s primary community financial institution with 232,000 members, 28 branches and 60 shared service center locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in-market rates, low fees and world-class service, and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

Bethpage maintains branch locations in Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, East Meadow NuHealth, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, Long Beach, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Seaford, Smithtown, Roosevelt, Valley Stream King Kullen, West Babylon and Westbury with over 500 surcharge-free ATMs throughout Long Island, including King Kullen, CVS Pharmacy, Costco and 7-11 locations. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.bethpagefcu.com.

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