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Sulzberger began her career at Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), where she held various engineering and management positions, including manager of transmission planning and manager of advanced system planning. She joined Exxon as a senior planning advisor in 1977 and moved to North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) as director of engineering in 1985. At NERC, she chaired the Power and Energy Finance Committee, and served on the Power and Energy Executive Committee, the Power and Energy Editorial Board, and the Computer Applications in Power Magazine Editorial Board.

Sulzberger became a Member of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) in 1963 and a Senior Member in 1976, and was elected a Fellow in 1990. She has also been active in CIGRE (the International Conference on Large High Voltage Electric Systems), serving as a vice president of the U.S. National Committee. At NERC, she played a leadership role in the development of the first comprehensive planning standards for the high-voltage electric power transmission systems in North America. She retired in 2006.

In 2015, Sulzberger became the first woman in the United States elected by the National Academy of Engineering into its Electric Power and Energy Systems Engineering section. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 from the IEEE Power and Energy Society and the Meritorious Service Award in 1999 from PES. She is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi.

Sulzberger received the Newark College of Engineering's Outstanding Alumni Award in 2007 and the Alumni Achievement Award in 1982. She is a former member of the Helen and John J. Hartmann Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisory Board.