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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE APPOINTED TO COMMISSION

Chairman Pat Wood, III has appointed Isaac D. Benkin as an Administrative Law Judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Judge Benkin comes to the Commission from the Washington law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP, where he was a partner and head of the FERC/Energy Practice Group, representing clients in the electric utility, oil pipeline and natural gas industries. He had been with the firm since 1995.

From 1990 to 1995, he was a partner with the Washington law firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon, where he headed the FERC/Energy Practice Group.

He served as an Administrative Law Judge at FERC and its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission, from 1975 to 1990.

Judge Benkin, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, is President of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal and a Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University National Law Center. He has contributed widely to a number of professional journals.

He will be sworn in November 30 and will start work at the Commission December 3.

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