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VETERAN FERC ATTORNEY NAMED TO HEAD RE-ESTABLISHED OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION

U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Pat Wood III has named William J. Froehlich, a veteran attorney with the Commission since 1975, to head the newly re-established Office of Administrative Litigation.

"I have known Bill Froehlich for over 10 years," Chairman Wood said. "He is of sterling character and a well-respected leader in the agency."

As director of the Office of Administrative Litigation, Mr. Froehlich oversees the nearly 100-member Commission trial staff who represent the public interest in administrative proceedings at the Commission. The office provides testimony, exhibits and studies on electric rate, transmission, open access and restructuring cases and in natural gas rate-design cases.

In announcing the reinstatement of the Office of Administrative Litigation, Chairman Wood remarked: "I strongly believe in clear separation of functions within the Commission. Our trial staff is crucial to successful settlement of many litigated cases. When settlement is not possible, OAL staff provide balanced testimony on factual issues to the Commission's independent administrative law judges."

Mr Froehlich will report directly to the Chairman and Commissioners.

Mr. Froehlich began his 27-year career with the Commission after receiving his law degree from the Brooklyn Law School. He holds a B.A. from Harpur College in Binghamton, N.Y. Mr. Froehlich is an adjunct professor of administrative law and government at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

