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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE APPOINTED TO COMMISSION

Pat Wood, III, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has announced the appointment of Karen V. Johnson as an Administrative Law Judge.

Since 2001, Judge Johnson has served at the Social Security Administration, where, as an Administrative Law Judge in Roanoke, Virginia, she was responsible for hearings involving Social Security claims.

Judge Johnson has extensive experience in military criminal matters, having served over eight years with the Judge Advocate General Corps, attaining the rank of Major. Judge Johnson also served as an Attorney-Advisor to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Judge Johnson has served as Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, and, since 1993, has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at George Washington National Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Judge Johnson received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and her Master and Bachelor degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

A Virginia resident, Judge Johnson is a former Fulbright Scholar. She is admitted to the United States Supreme Court, Pennsylvania Courts, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and U.S. Army Court of Military Review bars.

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At FERC, Judge Johnson will hear cases on natural gas, electric rate, hydroelectric and oil pipeline issues. In addition, Commission judges act as mediators in alternative dispute resolution cases.

Chairman Wood will administer the oath of office to Judge Johnson on January 27 at 9:45 a.m. in Hearing Room 1. It is open to the public.

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