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D.C. REGULATOR NAMED TO HEAD NEW FERC OFFICE OF STATE RELATIONS

Chairman Pat Wood, III of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced today that Commissioner Edward M. Meyers of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission will head FERC's new Division of State Relations.

Dr. Meyers will take up his new position within the Office of External Affairs on February 4.

Commented Chairman Wood: "This new office needs a dynamic leader and Dr. Meyers can clearly meet that need. His track record of accomplishment and successful leadership speaks for itself, and I look forward to working with him as he takes us into a new era in FERC-state relations."

The new office was created to coordinate outreach efforts with the states and to act as a clearinghouse for information and inquiries from states within each region. One of the more immediate issues on which the Commission will use this regional affairs approach is to coordinate activities with the states involving the development and ongoing oversight of regional transmission organizations (RTOs).

The Commission has noted that development of regional panels will not only reap the benefits of states' contributions but will also cut costs for states engaged in FERC issues and improve efficiency and problem solving.

Dr. Meyers joined the D.C. Commission as a Commissioner in 1990 and was involved in regulating electric, gas and telecommunications companies in the nation's capital.

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Prior to joining the D.C. Commission, he held a variety of positions with the D.C. government, including director of policy, director of communications, and deputy director of the finance and revenue department.

Earlier, he was a principal planner for the University of California's nine-campus system and a staff economist for the University of California President's Task Force on Energy. He also served as a principal planner for Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Meyers received a B.A. degree in economics from the University of Maryland, a master's degree in urban economics from the University of Detroit, and a doctorate in American government from Georgetown University. He is the author of three books on urban issues, including "Urban Incentive Tax Credits: A Self-Correcting Strategy to Rebuild Central Cities."

Dr. Meyers has held positions with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and completed two elected terms as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI). NRRI is NARUC's research arm, affiliated with Ohio State University. He has also served as a member of the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute and on the Council's Strategic Issues Committee. He has traveled to Eastern Europe, India, Brazil and Zambia to speak on energy matters and has hosted dozens of energy and telecommunications delegations from many nations.

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