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McCartney Named Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher has announced the appointment of Judge Bobbie J. McCartney as Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge.

"I'm delighted that Judge McCartney has agreed to accept this position," Kelliher said. "Since joining the Commission in 1999, Judge McCartney has handled some of the most complex regulatory cases referred for hearing. Judge McCartney also brings extensive management experience acquired in her previous positions with other federal agencies."

As Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, Judge McCartney will assist Chief Administrative Law Judge Curtis Wagner, Jr. with administrative and managerial duties in the Office of Administrative Law Judges and serve as head of the office in the Chief Judge's absence.

"I am delighted to have Judge McCartney as my deputy," Wagner said. "Her management experience as the Deputy Chief Judge at the Social Security Administration will be a real benefit to FERC."

McCartney's appointment will be effective Sept. 30.

Judge McCartney has been an active and effective participant in administrative law judge alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Judge McCartney routinely makes Energy Bar Association panel presentations and provides in-house training seminars.

Prior to her service at the Commission, Judge McCartney held several management positions as a trial attorney with the Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Labor, and as an Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, including her position as the Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Judge McCartney obtained her Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) from the University of Houston, and holds a Master of Law (LLM) from Southern Methodist University (SMU). She has also attended classes at the Universities of Oxford and London. She is a member of the Texas and Colorado Bars and has been admitted to practice before numerous state and federal courts as well as the United States Supreme Court.

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