

BRUCE HAGEN*Commissioner*

Bruce Hagen, one of the three North Dakota Public Service Commissioners, is presently serving his 37th year on the North Dakota Public Service Commission. He was first appointed to the Commission in 1961 by Governor William L. Guy to fill the term of Ernest Nelson. In 1964, Hagen was elected to a six-year term on the Democratic-NPL ballot, and reelected in 1970, 1976, 1982, 1988 and 1994.



Hagen graduated in 1953 from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree. Hagen received his Master of Arts Degree in government and economics from the University of North Dakota in 1955, and completed an additional year of advanced study in government at the University of Wisconsin in 1955-56.

Commissioner Hagen is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where he served as President in 1988 and currently serves on the Executive Committee, the Committee on Communications, and the Washington Action Committee, and chairman of the Policy Subcommittee on International Communications Policy. In June 1988, Hagen was awarded by North Dakota Governor George Sinner the "North Dakota National Leadership Award for Excellence" in recognition of his position as President of NARUC. Hagen is also a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) where he served as President in 1968-69.

Hagen serves as an advisor for The KMB Video Journal, representing the public side of issues before the nation. He was also a member of the Federal/State Alaska Joint Board, a joint effort between several appointed state utility commissioners and the Federal Communications Commission for the integration of rates and services of telecommunications by authorized common carriers between Alaska and the lower 48 states, and between Alaska and Hawaii. Hagen is the first and only North Dakota Public Service Commission member to serve on a FCC joint board.

In 1985, Hagen was appointed and served as Chairman of the North Dakota Commission on the 1985 Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. In 1985, Hagen was appointed to serve on the Western Governors' Association Economic Research Center Task Force. Mr. Hagen has also served as North Dakota's United Nations Day Chairperson in 1986 and 1987, as Chairman of the State Intermodal Transportation Team, appointed by Governor George Sinner from 1985 through 1992, and on the Marketing Development Subcommittee of Connecting North Dakota in 1992, a committee appointed by Governor Sinner to consider and make recommendations on the state's communications infrastructure to further economic development at all levels. Hagen also served as Chairman of the Cancer Society Fund Drive for State Agencies in 1994.

Hagen has testified many times before Senate and Congressional Committees, as well as government boards and commissions, regarding rail car supply, rail rates and related transportation problems, energy issues, national strip-mine legislation, and telephone issues.

Hagen is a farmer in Benson and Ramsey Counties. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He has two daughters, Marin 28 and Jennifer 33.