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Commissioner Appointments

Commissioner Elizabeth B. “Lib” Fleming has been appointed as President of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. The Council’s main objective is to design the Current Issues Program, which is a series of panel discussions on timely topics relevant to the utility world. As President, Commissioner Fleming will oversee the design of the Current Issues Program, coordinate sponsor recruitment, and conduct council meetings, among other duties. She has served on the Council since 2008 and will serve a term of 2 years as President.



In addition to her service on the Advisory Council, Commissioner Fleming is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ Committee on Electricity and Committee on Critical Infrastructure. She also serves as President of the Eastern Interconnection States’ Planning Council, and the National Regulatory Research Institute’s Board.

Since assuming his Commissionership in July of 2013, Commissioner Comer H. “Randy” Randall has been appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Committee on Gas, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and most recently the Committee on Water. The Water Committee aims to increase awareness and understanding about the issues surrounding uses and reuses of water and wastewater.

In addition to his active participation on NARUC committees, Commissioner Randall has spoken at the Commissioner Water Policy Forum, Wall Street Dialogue, and the Emerging Issues Policy Forum, where he discussed distributed generation. He will also be participating on a SEARUC panel regarding the challenges facing the regulated water and wastewater industry in the Southeast during the 2015 Annual Meeting in June.

During the Commission’s annual ethics training, Commissioner Randall was appointed to lead a breakout discussion group, where he was tasked with keeping the session discussion on track and encouraged every group member to participate. The chosen group leaders attended training in order to be effective group leaders.



In December, Commissioner Elliot F. Elam, Jr. was appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services. The Joint Conference was convened in 1999 as part of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) ongoing efforts to ensure that advanced services are deployed as rapidly as possible to all Americans, and it serves as a forum for ongoing dialogue among the FCC, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities. The Joint Conference comprises representatives from state public utility commissions and from the FCC.



Reflections of Chairman Nikki Hall



Greetings! The SC PSC has been very busy this spring and we're looking forward to the approaching summer being much the same. We recently held our first distributed energy resource program hearing which was live streamed. We are happy to make our hearings more accessible to the public and intend to stream our major hearings in the future.

Our commissioners continue to remain engaged in national commit-

tees, ensuring that South Carolina is represented in current issues and policies, and I would like to congratulate a few commissioners on their most recent appointments. Commissioner Elam was appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services and Commissioner Fleming will serve as the next president of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University's Advisory Council. I am proud

to serve alongside my six esteemed colleagues.

I would also like to congratulate David Butler on his election to chairman of the SC Bar Association's Administrative & Regulatory Law Committee. Our staff at the Commission is stellar, and they make us proud.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Allowable Ex Parte Briefings & ORS Presentations

Since December, the Commission has held several Allowable Ex Parte Briefings at the request of parties and a Special Presentation by the Office of Regulatory Staff. These briefings and presentations cover topics and issues pertinent to current matters being placed before the PSC. Visit the dockets referenced below to view the transcripts from these briefings.

Presenter/Requestor	Topic	Date
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC & Duke Energy Progress, Inc.	ND 2014-38-E: Cyber Security	December 10, 2014
Piedmont Natural Gas, Duke Energy Carolinas, & Duke Energy Progress	ND 2014-40-G: Update on Atlantic Coast Pipeline	February 10, 2015
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	ND 2015-5-E: Coal Ash Disposal	February 10, 2015
ORS	ORS Consumer Services Department Activities	March 4, 2015
ORS	2015-70-EG: Residential Customer "Bill of Rights"	April 1, 2015
Southern Environmental Law Center	ND 2015-10-E: Coal Ash at Robinson & Lee Plants	April 9, 2015
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	2015-136-E: Pay As You Go Pilot Program	April 16, 2015
Greenville County Economic Development Corporation	ND 2015-12-A: Automated Transport Network	May 27, 2015

Annual Ethics Training

As mandated by Act 175 of 2004, PSC Commissioners and Staff completed the required six hours of annual ethics training. This year, the PSC hosted three judges affiliated with the National Judicial College.



The Honorable William J. Froehlich, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel member, discusses due process of Administrative Law.



The Honorable Elizabeth H. Drews, Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings in Austin, TX, provides a comprehensive overview of SC's Code of Judicial Conduct, Ethics Reform Act, and Administrative Procedures Act.



The Honorable Dennis J. Moss, Senior Review Judge with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, covers the review and acceptance of settlements.

Staff Spotlight >>> David Butler



Staff Attorney, David Butler, has been a member of the South Carolina Bar Association's Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee for 15 years. In July 2014, David was appointed as Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee is tasked with reviewing changes in law that affect administrative law practice and promoting better relations between Bar

members, tribunals of government and regulatory agencies. The goals of the committee are to implement plans to sponsor a CLE at the Bar Convention, monitor, study and make recommendations as appropriate to legislation and other public policy initiatives impacting administrative and regulatory law practice, and plan themes, topics, and

speakers for Committee meetings. David's role as Chairman is to guide the Committee's discussion of an issue and help formulate a Committee position.

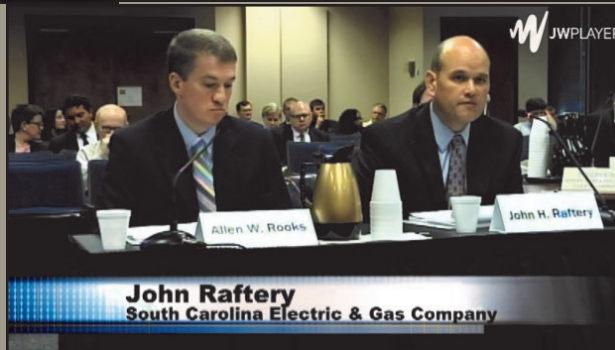
David has been an attorney at the PSC for 24 years. In addition to his time at the Commission, David also has been practicing pharmacy since 1971.

PSC Live Streams Its First Hearings



Top Left: Commissioner Hamilton questions a witness during the Duke Energy DERP Hearing.

Top Right: Two witnesses for Duke Energy are sworn in before delivering their testimony.



Right: SCE&G witness, John Raftery, presents his testimony during the SCE&G DERP Hearing.

In May, the PSC contracted with SCETV to live web stream its first hearing. The hearing was held regarding Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, Inc.'s Distributed Energy Resource Program (DERP). On June 2, 2015, the PSC live streamed the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company hearing regarding DERP.

Based on the PSC's DMS activity, it was determined that the DERP dockets have generated much interest, which led to the decision to live stream the two cases regarding the proposed programs.

The archived videos of these two hearings can be accessed through the Commission's homepage (psc.sc.gov).

Prestige Vehicles

Workshop

The Commission will conduct a workshop to gather information related to the definition of “prestige” vehicles on **Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Commission’s Hearing Room.

Any Person or Company who wishes to participate in the workshop should inform the Commission, in writing, on or before **June 15, 2015**.

Did You Know? >>>

South Carolina ranks third in the nation in nuclear generating capacity.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Midlands Heart Walk

The PSC came together during the month of March to participate in the Midlands’ Heart Walk. The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association’s premiere fund raising event to save lives from the country’s No. 1 and No. 5 killers—heart disease and stroke. The PSC donated \$460 to the cause. Overall, the event raised more than \$394,000 in the American Heart Association’s fight to save lives.



PSC staff members (from left) Gwen Richardson and Calvin Woods participated in the Midlands Heart Walk on March 21, 2015.

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