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Commissioner Kari Bennett to Leave the IURC

INDIANAPOLIS – Commissioner Kari Bennett has announced her resignation from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). Bennett was first appointed in January 2011 by Governor Mitch Daniels.

“Commissioner Bennett’s extensive legal and environmental expertise allowed her to make a positive impact at the IURC starting the very first day of her appointment,” said IURC Chairman Jim Atterholt. “She will be sorely missed.”

During Bennett’s tenure at the IURC, she helped reform the integrated resource planning process, in which electric utilities identify the optimal mix of resources to meet future customer needs. Her environmental background was also critical to the IURC as it considered a variety of utility requests to address the requirements and effects of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

“I have been honored to serve with my fellow Commissioners and our dedicated talented staff at the IURC, and I feel fortunate to have been given several opportunities during my career to serve my fellow Hoosiers,” said Bennett.

Prior to joining the IURC, Bennett had already served the state of Indiana for a number of years. She was chief legal counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and policy director for Environment and Natural Resources for Governor Daniels. She also served in various roles at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

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The Commission is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.

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