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Gov. Beshear appoints Charlie Borders to PSC

Governor cites Borders' leadership, experience, commitment to public service

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 15, 2009)—Gov. Steve Beshear announced today the appointment of State Senator Charlie Borders as a commissioner of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). As one of three commissioners, Sen. Borders will join Chairman David Armstrong and Vice-Chairman James Gardner in rendering decisions on the rates and services of utilities serving nearly every Kentucky resident.

Sen. Borders is resigning his seat a Senator for the 18th Senate District, effective immediately. He begins his tenure on the PSC this week.

“Sen. Borders’ long history of leadership and deep commitment to public service are unmatched,” said Gov. Beshear. “I welcome his knowledge and experience to one of Kentucky’s largest and most wide-reaching commissions.”

Representing the 18th Senate District since his election in 1990, Sen. Borders currently serves as Chairman of the important Appropriations and Revenue Committee, which plays an integral role in state budgetary matters.

He has served on numerous additional committees during his 19-year career, including Education, Health & Welfare, Transportation, Energy and Program Review. As a former member of the Council on Post Secondary Education and Workforce Investment Board, Sen. Borders proved to be a dedicated advocate for implementing best practices and forward-thinking initiatives.

Currently employed as Executive Director of King’s Daughters Health Foundation and Director of Administrative Services for King’s Daughters Medical Center, Sen. Borders

received his B.S. Degree in Business Administration and MBA from Morehead State University. A 22-year employee of Ashland, Inc., Sen. Borders also is an unwavering community leader, having served as President of Russell Rotary Club and as an active member of the Oak Grove Church of Christ.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to continue serving the people of Kentucky as a commissioner of the PSC,” said Sen. Borders. “I look forward to bringing my skills and familiarity in business, administration and beyond to the commission as we work together to ensure the proper regulation of important rates and services.”

“I am pleased that Sen. Borders has accepted this challenging new role and welcome him to the PSC,” Chairman Armstrong said. “His extensive experience in government and the private sector will be invaluable as we address the many complex issues before us.”

Armstrong also thanked outgoing Commissioner John Clay for his years of service.

“Commissioner Clay’s wise counsel was extremely helpful to Vice Chairman Gardner and myself when we joined the PSC,” Armstrong said. “It has been a pleasure to serve with him.”

The Kentucky Public Service Commission is a three-member administrative body with quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial duties and powers regulating more than 1,500 utilities. The commission’s primary responsibility is to foster the provision of safe and reliable service at a reasonable price while providing for the financial stability of utilities by setting fair and just rates and supporting their operational competence by overseeing regulated activities.

Currently, the Commission regulates the intrastate rates and services of investor-owned electric, natural gas, telephone, water and sewage utilities, customer-owned electric and telephone cooperatives, water districts and associations, and certain aspects of gas pipelines. For more information about the PSC, visit: <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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