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### **PSC Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Former commissioners and staff welcomed*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 14, 2009) – Thirteen former commissioners and many former staff members were among the 150 or so guests at today's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

"In the PSC's 75 years, only 66 people have served as commissioners," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said in remarks delivered at the celebration. "Nearly a quarter of them are with us here today."

In addition to a brief program, the celebration included a reception and tours of the PSC facilities.

Many of the former commissioners and staff have agreed to participate in an oral history project being conducted in connection with the anniversary. Their interviews will be archived at the PSC and at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort, where they will be available to historians and other researchers.

Established in 1934 by the Kentucky General Assembly, the PSC has seen its responsibilities change over time in response to changing technology and changes in both state and federal legislation, Armstrong said.

"But the PSC's central goal has remained unchanged – safe and reliable utility service at fair, just and reasonable rates for all Kentuckians," he said.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 100 employees.

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Current and former commissioners at the PSC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Frankfort on October 14, 2009. (names and years served):

Left to right:

Linda Breathitt – 1993 to 1997 - Chairwoman – from 1995 to 1997

W. Gregory Coker - 2004 to 2006

Martin Huelsmann – Chairman – 2000 to 2004

Mark David Goss – Chairman – 2004 to 2008

Brenda J. Helton – Chairwoman – 1997 to 2000

John W. Clay – 2006 to 2009

Ellen Williams – 2004 to 2005

Charles H. Lambert – 1977 to 1979

David Armstrong – Current chairman

Robert M. Davis – 1988 to 1997

Gary Gillis – 1997 to 2004

Richard S. Taylor – 1975 to 1980 – Chairman from 1979 to 1980

Thomas Dorman – 1991-1992

Charlie Borders – Current commissioner

Jim Gardner – Current vice chairman

Teresa Hill – 2005 to 2006