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Jeff Derouen Named as Executive Director at Kentucky PSC *Appointment is effective on January 1, 2009*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 30, 2008) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has named Jeff Derouen as its executive director, effective Thursday.

Derouen comes to the PSC from office of Lt. Governor Daniel Mongiardo, where he served as chief of staff.

Before working for Mongiardo, Derouen was director of communications and deputy general counsel for Kentucky Auditor Crit Luallen. He also spent seven years in the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, where he served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney and communications director.

"Jeff's knowledge and skills will be a great asset to the commission," Chairman David Armstrong said. "I am pleased to welcome him to the PSC."

"I am honored that the commissioners and Governor Steve Beshear have asked me to lead the PSC staff," Derouen said. "I look forward to working with a group of experienced professionals as we work to meet the complex challenges of the coming years."

"I am pleased that the commissioners have chosen someone with Jeff's experience in government to serve at a time when the PSC is engaged in so many issues of great public interest," Governor Steve Beshear said.

Derouen is a graduate of the University of Louisville, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Juris Doctor from the Brandeis College of Law.

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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