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### **PSC Names Linda Bridwell as Executive Director** *New Executive Director to Start on Dec. 1*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 25, 2020)** – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has named Linda Bridwell as executive director. Bridwell, a professional engineer with more than twenty years of utility-related experience, has been serving as deputy executive director at the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) since February of 2019. Prior to her position with KIA, Bridwell had been with American Water, holding a variety of positions during her two decades with the company.

At KIA she provided chief administrative support for the agency, with an emphasis on ways to increase program efficiency. Her responsibilities included evaluating agency goals and strategic planning, as well as supervising KIA's accounting and loan staff. She also stressed collaboration and coordination with state government agencies, including the PSC, to identify opportunities to improve the financial stability of water and wastewater utilities.

"Linda Bridwell has an ability to focus internally as a manager to improve agency functions and to collaborate externally to optimize efficient utilization of natural and financial resources. These qualities, as well as her areas of expertise, are extremely valuable and we are fortunate to have her join the PSC team," said PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to join the team at the PSC. I have tremendous respect for this Commission and the talented staff working with them," Bridwell said. "The Commission's efforts to approve utility rates that are fair, just and reasonable for the citizens of the Commonwealth while directing focus on the critical infrastructure improvements needed across the state is not an easy task in the current economy. I am honored to be asked to help and look forward to being a part of the PSC."

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In addition to her employment with KIA for almost two years, she was a board member for more than fourteen years. She also served on the Kentucky Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Among her positions with American Water, she served as manager of rates and regulations for the company's Southeast Division, which spans Kentucky and Tennessee. During her American Water tenure, Bridwell promoted water infrastructure development and managed major construction projects. Her role called on her to be a frequent liaison with executive and legislative branch officials.

She holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky, where she also completed her undergraduate studies in Civil Engineering. She earned a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University, and is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Bridwell has received a number of professional honors, including the 2010 Kentucky Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers Robert Gillim Award for service to the civil engineering profession. She was also named a co-recipient of the 2000 University of Kentucky Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Award.

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