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Commission Honors Outgoing Commissioners

PHOENIX, AZ—The Arizona Corporation Commission today extended its gratitude for the service of outgoing Commissioners Mike Gleason, Chairman; Bill Mundell; and Jeff Hatch-Miller. The two commissioners continuing to serve next year, Mayes and Pierce, commented on working with their colleagues:

“I have had the pleasure of working with Chairman Gleason since 2003. I know him as a timeless worker and a respected colleague who is dedicated to protecting Arizonans state-wide,” said Commissioner Kris Mayes. Mayes remarked on Mundell that, “As the longest-serving Commissioner at the ACC, Commissioner Mundell has been a strong and unwavering advocate for consumers and the environment. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.” On Hatch-Miller, Mayes added that “Commissioner Hatch-Miller has brought a unique voice to the Commission with his vigilance on securities and many other issues. I had the opportunity to work directly with Jeff to address the Kinder-Morgan gas pipeline safety crisis and recognize his sincere focus and concern for Arizona.”

“With the departure of Chairman Gleason and Commissioners Mundell and Hatch-Miller, the Commission is losing most of its institutional memory,” said Commissioner Gary Pierce. “Commissioner Mundell especially, whose tenure dates back to June of 1999, has served to connect today’s Commission to its historical roots. I will miss the outgoing commissioners, and I thank them for their service to the citizens of Arizona.”

Chairman Mike Gleason was elected to the Commission in 2002 for a two-year term beginning in January 2003. In 2004, Gleason ran for a full, four-year term and was elected for a term ending December 31, 2008.

Prior to serving on the Commission, Gleason, a resident of Sun City West, represented his West Valley district in the Arizona House of Representatives from 1996 through 2002. There, he was Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee as well as vice chairman of the Rural and Native American Affairs Committee. He also served on the Economic Development and International Trade, Transportation, Human Services and Rules committees. Gleason served as Precinct Committeeman and District Chairman before seeking elected office.

Much of Gleason’s career was spent in the agricultural sciences and consulting. He has resided in Mexico and France and has traveled extensively throughout the world during his professional career with such companies as Monsanto, Pacific Oilseeds, Cargill and the Rockefeller Foundation. His job duties have sent him to Peru, Kenya, Bangladesh, Senegal, Zaire, the Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Bill Mundell was appointed to the Arizona Corporation Commission by Governor Jane Hull on June 21, 1999. In the 2000 general election, he was elected to serve out the remaining four years of a former Commissioner’s term. He became Chairman of the Commission in January 2001 and served in that capacity until January 2003. Mundell was re-elected in 2004.

Mundell was first elected in 1986 to the Arizona House of Representatives where he served from 1987 to 1992. As chairman of the House Environment Committee, he sponsored numerous pieces of legislation protecting Arizona's environment, including the state's first recycling law. Mundell has also served as a Judge Pro Tem on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Mundell has been in private practice as an attorney in Chandler, Arizona since 1977, except from 1980 to 1986 when he served as the Presiding Judge of the Chandler Municipal Court. In 1986, he resigned as judge to run for the Arizona House of Representatives.

Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller was elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2002 for a two-year term. He was re-elected to a four-year term in 2004. Before his election to the Corporation Commission, Hatch-Miller served in the Arizona House of Representatives for two terms, from 1999 to 2003. He represented District 26, which included parts of Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Paradise Valley. While in the Legislature, Hatch-Miller chaired the House Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, sponsoring key legislation on behalf of the Corporation Commission that required Arizona's electric utilities to demonstrate the future viability and reliability of transmission systems, ensuring that Arizona's increasing power needs are met.

From 1990 to 1996, Chairman Hatch-Miller worked for the University of Arizona where he helped rural Arizona towns improve their economic climate, keeping businesses healthy and increasing employment opportunities. For much of his professional career, he specialized in state-of-the-art corporate communications and organizational development.

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