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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### **Doug Little and Tom Forese Sworn-in to Begin Terms on Commission**

PHOENIX, AZ—The Arizona Corporation Commission today welcomed two new Commissioners. Doug Little and Tom Forese took their oaths of office to begin a four-year term on the Commission. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor administered the oaths.

“Arizonans are lucky to be served by Commissioners Forese and Little, and it will be a privilege to spend the remainder of my term working with them,” said **Chairman Bob Stump**. “I am confident they will work diligently and honorably to discern what is in the public interest.”

Doug Little has had a long and impressive career in the computer software industry. Most recently, serving as Vice President, North America Sales for Micro Focus International, a leading software vendor to Fortune 100 companies. During his software career he spent over fifteen years working on software and construction management projects that were directly related to the development and management of energy production facilities. Throughout his career, Little has been involved with companies delivering cutting-edge solutions that provided major innovations in database, software development and web-based technologies.

Little is a strong consumer advocate that has worked to develop more effective operations that resulted in lower prices and more efficient methods of delivering gas, water and electricity. He has expressed a commitment to keeping Arizona's national and worldwide leadership position as one of the cutting-edge pioneers in emerging power generation technologies. Little has long advocated for a balanced energy portfolio that utilizes all of our energy resources and provides the most cost-effective way to provide clean, reliable, affordable energy to the businesses and people of Arizona.

Doug, his wife, Linda and his daughter, Micaela have lived in Arizona for over 15 years.

Tom Forese has a distinguished record of accomplishment at the Arizona legislature. As a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, Forese served as Chairman of the Commerce Committee which plays a crucial role in economic development and job creation. He also served on the critically important Appropriations Committee.

Tom has been actively involved as an executive in both business and educational organizations, preparing him for the highly technical and demanding responsibility of a Corporation Commissioner. He believes in the importance of low energy rates, as essential to economic growth and the creation of quality jobs.

Tom is a devoted husband and father. Tom and Casey Forese are the parents of four children and live in the southeast valley.

Few state offices affect the daily lives of Arizonans as much as the Arizona Corporation Commission. The Arizona Corporation Commission regulates public gas, electric, water, sewer and telecommunication utilities, but has additional responsibilities granted by the Arizona Constitution. The Commission also registers corporations and limited liability companies (LLCs) doing business in Arizona, regulates the sale of securities or investments, registers investment advisers and sales representatives and enforces railroad and pipeline safety statutes. By virtue of the Arizona Constitution, the Commissioners function in an executive capacity; they also adopt rules and regulations, thereby functioning in a legislative capacity; and they act in a judicial capacity by making decisions in contested matters.

Doug Little and Tom Forese join Bob Stump, Bob Burns and Susan Bitter Smith who continue to serve their terms.

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