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Arizona Corporation Commission Names Doug Little New Chairman

(Phoenix)--The Arizona Corporation Commissioners named Commissioner Doug Little as the new Chairman for the Commission. At the February 2nd, 2016 Open Meeting of the ACC, the Commissioners voted to confirm Little as Chairman. He has been acting in an interim capacity, replacing out-going Chairman Susan Bitter Smith who resigned last year.

Chairman Little is an accomplished businessman, having spent more than three decades in the computer software industry. He has been instrumental in helping companies deliver cutting-edge solutions and major innovations in project management, database, software development, and web-based technologies. Little has held executive and sales management and consulting positions a variety of technology companies, including Micro Focus International, Project Software & Development Inc., and Oracle Corporation.

He is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He serves on the Electricity Committee, the Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee, and was appointed to serve on the Task Force on Telecommunication Act Modernization.

After assuming the role of Chairman, Little outlined several priorities for the coming year. "Over the next 12-18 months, the Commission will tackle several large rate cases and a major hearing on distributed generation. I will be working with my fellow commissioners and our outstanding Commission staff to do the best job possible for the people of Arizona." We are absolutely committed to ensuring a fair, balanced and comprehensive evaluation of all the issues that come before us at the Commission."

Little said he wants to maintain Arizona's national leadership role in renewable generation technologies. He also is dedicated to implementing cost-effective energy and water policies that encourage economic development while providing clean, reliable, and affordable energy and water to all Arizonans.

"It is an honor to serve this Commission," said Little. "There is important business that happens in every division of the Commission every day. As Chairman, I want to support that hard work, while tackling the important regulatory issues that affect us all, like keeping water and energy costs affordable while supporting economic development to keep Arizona's future bright."

The Chairman sets the agenda for and presides during Open Meetings and serves as the public face of the Commission.