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The Corporation Commission announces the retirement of one of its most tenured employees, Janice Alward

(Phoenix) The Corporation Commission announces the retirement of Legal Division Director Janice Alward. Ms. Alward retires after being in public service for the State of Arizona for over 35 years with 31 of those years with the Arizona Corporation Commission. She retires from state service after a long and distinguished career, most recently serving as the Commission's General Counsel and Director of the Legal Services Division.

Chairman Doug Little remarked, "Ms. Alward has dedicated her career to the Arizona Corporation Commission. We are grateful for her commitment to public service. She has led a team of knowledgeable attorneys who provide the Commission with expert legal assistance. She will be missed."

Ms. Alward's career at the Commission began in 1985 as a Staff Attorney. She rose through the ranks to be the Deputy Director of the Legal Division and, ultimately, its Director. She has represented the Commission in virtually every sphere of its operations, from utilities regulation to enforcement of safety standards, from line siting cases to complex litigation. Ms. Alward has successfully represented the Commission in more than a dozen appellate cases.

Commissioner Bob Stump, who also served as Chairman from 2013-2015, said, "Ms. Alward has been a winsome, wise, and dedicated presence on this Commission for decades. I will miss her greatly. She has called the shots as she saw them, and for this we should all be grateful. I still owe her a big bottle of wine for her trouble."

"It has been a real pleasure to work with Ms. Alward over the past several years," said Commissioner Bob Burns. "She is gracious, highly respected and I have always valued her guidance even during those times we didn't agree. I am sorry to see her go and hope she knows she will be greatly missed."

Ms. Alward will retire in the fall. In order to provide a smooth transition, Deputy Director Janet Wagner and former Director and current Special Attorney to the Commission Chris Kempley have been selected as a transition team to provide leadership of the Division Staff while the Commission selects a permanent replacement.