



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission Names Utilities Division Director and other New Staff Assignments

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission announces a series of Staff promotions to key Commission roles.

Eli Abinah, who has been serving as Acting Director of the Utilities Division since January, has been officially named Director on a permanent basis. Abinah joined the Commission in 2003 and served as Assistant Director for 14 years. Abinah has been a key player in several high profile cases before the Commission and was previously named Water Ombudsman of the newly formed Small Water Ombudsman Office to help struggling water companies and their customers.

“I am honored to be named Utilities Division Director where I can continue to lead a very talented Staff,” said Abinah.

In addition, several current staff members have been promoted within the Commission’s Legal Division. Attorney Robin Mitchell has been appointed as the Assistant Director of the Division, Senior Staff Attorney Maureen Scott has been appointed to the newly-created role of Deputy Chief of Litigation and Appeals, and attorney Wes Van Cleve will take over Scott’s position of Senior Staff Attorney.

“These staff announcements are a testament to the high level of expertise we have here at the Corporation Commission and our ability to recruit and retain the best of the best,” said Chairman Tom Forese. “I want to thank and congratulate all of these individuals as the Commission continues to set a high bar for excellence and accountability.

Established by Article 15 of the state’s constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>

