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GLEASON CHOSEN BY PEERS TO LEAD REGULATORY PANEL

PHOENIX – Commissioner Bill Mundell today nominated Mike Gleason of Sun City West to be the Arizona Corporation Commission’s new chairman. Jeff Hatch-Miller has served as chairman of the state regulatory agency since January 12, 2005.

Commissioner Bill Mundell nominated Gleason to lead the Commission saying “I believe Gleason has the education and experience to serve this Commission well with the issues we will be facing into the future.”

Hatch-Miller said he was confident in passing the gavel to Gleason. “You are an example of honest, dedicated public service. You are a man who cares deeply for Arizona and for Arizona’s future. I know you will lead this Commission with an eye toward fairness and accuracy.”

The Commissioners and staff also took time to honor Hatch-Miller for his leadership over the past two years.

Commissioners Mundell, Hatch-Miller, Kris Mayes and Gary Pierce unanimously approved Gleason’s nomination. The Chairman presides over meetings, plays a leadership role in setting agendas and scheduling meetings and is responsible for setting the tone of Commission meetings. The Chairman and Commissioners all have equal votes but the chair always casts the final vote. There is no specific term for the chairmanship. For the past several years, the Commissioners have selected a new chairman every two years.

“I thank each of you for your confidence in voting for me. I want to thank you for your dedication to the needs of Arizona utility customers and investors,” Chairman Gleason stated.

His colleagues described Gleason as a tireless, hard worker with a firm grasp of the business and issues that come before the Commission.

Gleason, a native of Iowa but long-time resident of Arizona, first joined the panel of five Commissioners after his election in 2002. He took his oath of office in January 2003. Gleason was re-elected in November 2004 to serve his second term on the Commission.

Prior to joining the Commission, Gleason was a state legislator following a lengthy management and consulting career in the agriculture business. His positions with the Cargill Corporation, Monsanto Corporation and Rockefeller Foundation took him to France, Mexico, Peru, Bangladesh, Zaire, Nigeria, Pakistan and many other foreign countries. Gleason is a veteran of the United States Navy.

Gleason has been married to his wife, Shirley, for more than 50 years. He is an avid reader, scuba diver and cyclist with a keen interest in global politics.

Biographies of Chairman Gleason and the other Commissioners are posted on the Commission’s website at www.azcc.gov.

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About the Arizona Corporation Commission:

Few state offices affect the daily lives of Arizonans as much as the Arizona Corporation Commission. Most states have a Public Service Commission or a Public Utility Commission to regulate and set the rates for public gas, electric, water, sewer and telecommunication utilities. The Arizona Corporation Commission fulfills these duties 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.

The Commission oversees railroad safety by enforcing federal and state safety statutes, conducting inspections and investigating crashes and derailments. Similarly, the Commission’s

Pipeline Safety staff enforces state and federal statutes governing natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines and investigates violations of the Arizona Underground Facilities laws.

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.

The Commission is required by the Arizona Constitution to maintain its chief office in Phoenix and it is required by law to conduct monthly meetings. For the convenience of the public, Open Meeting agendas and Hearing Calendars are posted on the Commission website. For a schedule of Open Meetings, see <http://www.azcc.gov/meetings/index.htm>. For the calendar of upcoming or recent evidentiary hearings, click on <http://www.azcc.gov/hearings/index.htm>.

For more information about the Arizona Corporation Commission, please visit the agency's main website at www.azcc.gov. For specific information about the Utilities Division or for help resolving a utility matter, the following shortcut will take you to Utilities website: <http://www.azcc.gov/utility/index.htm>. For educational information about saving and investing, visit the Securities Division's investor education site at: <http://www.azinvestor.gov>.

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