



# Public Utilities Commission

## **Andre T. Porter sworn in as PUCO chairman**

COLUMBUS, OHIO (April 15, 2015) – Today Commissioner Lynn Slaby swore in Andre T. Porter as the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

“To be trusted by Governor Kasich to return to the PUCO as chairman is an honor,” stated Chairman Porter. “The industries regulated by the PUCO affect nearly every Ohioan everyday. As the agency charged with impartial regulation, it is imperative that the PUCO operate in an open and transparent manner. My vision is that of a process-driven and competent PUCO which works to outline regulatory policies that contribute to the success of the state of Ohio.”

Porter began his five-year term as commissioner on April 11, 2015. As chairman he leads the state agency that oversees the regulation of electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and commercial transportation companies in Ohio. He also chairs the Ohio Power Siting Board, which reviews, evaluates and approves the siting of electric generation plants and electric and natural gas transmission lines. Porter’s term ends April 10, 2020.

Prior to serving as chairman of the PUCO, Porter led the Ohio Department of Commerce, a post he was appointed to by Governor John R. Kasich in 2013. Before his tenure at the Department of Commerce, Chairman Porter served as a commissioner at the PUCO from April 2011 through April 2013.

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### Chairman Porter Bio

*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is the sole agency charged with regulating public utility service. The role of the PUCO is to assure all residential, business and industrial consumers have access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices. Consumers with utility-related questions or concerns can call the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) and speak with a representative.*

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