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Ohio governor appoints new PUC commissioner

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On Feb. 20, Gov. John Kasich (R) appointed Andre Porter (R) to a five-year term on the [Ohio Public Utilities Commission](#) (PUC) that commences April 11. Mr. Porter will replace Commissioner Steven Lesser (D), whose term expires this April. In accordance with state law, Gov. Kasich selected Mr. Porter from a list of four names submitted by the PUC Nominating Council.

Mr. Porter, who served as a PUC commissioner from 2011 to 2013, is currently director of the Ohio Department of Commerce. Previously, he was an attorney in private practice, was a member of the Gahanna (Ohio) City Council, and served as president of the Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation. Mr. Porter received an undergraduate degree from Capital University and a law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. His appointment to the PUC is subject to Senate confirmation, but he may begin serving in April 2015, prior to receiving Senate confirmation.

The other members of the PUC and the dates their terms expire are: Chairman Thomas Johnson (R), April 2019; Lynn Slaby (R), April 2017; M. Beth Trombold (I), April 2018; and, Asim Haque (I), April 2016.

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