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Commissioner Parsley to leave in September

Public Utility Commissioner Julie Caruthers Parsley announced on Wednesday she will leave office effective Sept. 2. She is the longest-serving member of the current Commission.

“It has been a tremendous honor to serve the people of Texas, and I’m proud of the progress we made in electric utility and telecommunications public policy,” said Commissioner Parsley. “I’ve enjoyed this opportunity to address issues that affect every Texan, and I believe now is the right time to take on new challenges and move into the next phase of my career.”

Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed Parsley to the Commission Nov. 15, 2002 and reappointed her on Aug. 26, 2005. Gov. Perry also appointed Commissioner Parsley to the Texas Energy Planning Council during her tenure at the PUC.

“Julie has taken on a breadth of challenging issues facing our growing state during her time on the Commission and I am thankful for the good work she has done,” said Gov. Rick Perry. “While I am sad to see her go, I wish her much success in her future roles.”

Commissioner Parsley also served as president of the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), which is the electric grid operator for the Texas Panhandle and Northeast Texas in addition to seven surrounding states. While Commissioner Parsley was president, the Regional State Committee developed funding policies for transmission projects, including those that will deliver wind power in this region.

“We are deeply indebted to Commissioner Parsley for her fine leadership and wonderful contribution to electricity customers in the Southwest Power Pool region,” said Jim Eckelberger, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SPP and a retired rear admiral of the U.S. Navy. “More than \$2 billion of new transmission lines will bring the lowest-cost electricity to these customers through her ground breaking work.”

Before her appointment to the PUC, Parsley served as Texas Solicitor General arguing appellate court cases at all levels including the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1998 she taught at the University of Texas School of Law as an adjunct professor.

Commissioner Parsley received a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University and received a law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law. She is a board certified appellate lawyer.

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