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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE & INSURANCE

PSC MOVES TO A NEW STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY

In accordance with Executive Order 19-02 and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2019, the Public Service Commission (PSC) has moved and is now a part of the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI). The Commission's move from the Department of Economic Development (DED) to DCI became official on August 28, 2019.

According to a news release issued by DCI, the move was needed in order to have similar regulatory functions under one department umbrella. The PSC and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) joined the existing regulatory divisions of DCI which include Insurance, Finance, Credit Unions and Professional Registration. OPC represents the general public in matters before the PSC.

"Moving the PSC and OPC to the Department of Commerce and Insurance made good strategic sense," said Chlora Lindley-Meyers, Director of DCI. "We have similar missions and fully understand the regulatory environment. We're very pleased to welcome our new colleagues to the department."

"The decisions we make on a daily basis at the Public Service Commission have a significant impact on Missourians and the economy of our state," said PSC Chairman Ryan Silvey. "The Commission balances the interests of all of those that appear before it and works to ensure that Missourians receive safe and adequate utility service at just and reasonable rates."

Prior to the PSC's move to DCI, the Commission was part of DED. The 1974 State Reorganization Act placed the Commission within the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing. In 1984, the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing name was changed to DED.

According to the 1974-75 PSC Annual Report, the only change made within the Commission by the Reorganization Act of 1974 was the creation of the Office of Commission Counsel, whose duty was to represent the Commission Staff in cases before the Commission and to serve as legal advisor and counsel to the Commission.

The responsibility for representing the general public before the Commission, formerly the duty of the General Counsel to the Commission, was transferred to the Public Counsel of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing.



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