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Commissioner Whitfield Appointed as 2nd Vice President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) Commissioner Swain E. Whitfield has been appointed as 2nd Vice President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC). The election took place during SEARUC's 2015 Annual Conference on June 10, 2015. Commissioner Stan Wise of the Georgia Public Service Commission was appointed to 1st Vice President during the conference, and Commissioner Ronald Brisé of the Florida Public Service Commission was elected as President. Commissioner Whitfield was nominated by Commissioner G. O'Neal Hamilton, representing the Seventh District of South Carolina, and Commissioner Nikiya "Nikki" Hall, Chairman of the PSC representing South Carolina's Sixth District, seconded the nomination.

SEARUC focuses on the advancement and education of commission regulation through the study and discussion of subjects concerning the operation and supervision of public utilities to protect the interests of the people with respect to regulation of the Southeastern States. The Association has eleven member states. As 2nd Vice President, Commissioner Whitfield will support the 1st Vice President and President of SEARUC in the duties and actions of the Association.

Commissioner Whitfield said of his appointment, "I am honored to be elected by my colleagues in the Southeastern States that make up SEARUC to serve as 2nd Vice President. I look forward to working with the leadership at SEARUC over the next year, and ultimately look forward to my term as President of SEARUC, which will allow me to host the Annual Meeting in South Carolina."

Commissioner Whitfield was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in June 2008, representing the 5th Congressional District and is currently serving as Vice Chairman of the agency. He is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he serves as Co-Vice Chairman of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and is a member on the Washington Action Committee, Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal Subcommittee, and Committee on Gas. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Gas Technology Institute's Board.

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