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Governor Rauner Appoints Sadzi Martha Oliva to a Five-Year Term as ICC Commissioner

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Effective January 17, 2017, Governor Bruce Rauner has appointed Sadzi Martha Oliva to a five-year term at the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Pending confirmation of the Illinois Senate, Acting Commissioner Oliva will become the ICC’s first Latina Commissioner.

“Ms. Oliva’s comprehensive legal background and proven record of public service make her well equipped for this role,” said ICC Chairman Brien Sheahan. “As the first Latina to serve, this historic appointment exemplifies Governor Rauner’s continued commitment to diversity and makes Illinois one of the most diverse public utility commissions in the country. I’m proud to serve alongside my colleagues.”

Prior to her appointment, Acting Commissioner Oliva served as General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), where she previously served as Ethics Officer, Administrative Law Judge and Chief of Medical Prosecutions. She also worked at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as the Chief Administrative Law Judge, and chaired the Illinois Governor’s Office Administrative Hearings Review Committee. Acting Commissioner Oliva earned a JD from Loyola University School of Law and a BA from DePaul University and, in addition to multiple volunteer roles, is a member of the Cuban-American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois.

“I’m honored to have been selected by Governor Rauner for this role,” said Acting Commissioner Oliva. “I look forward to helping ensure a fair and effective balance between the interests of Illinois consumers and public utilities, energy suppliers, and transportation companies.”

The ICC has five Commissioners, one of whom is designated as Chairman by the Governor. Each Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Illinois State Senate for a five-year term. Click [here](#) to view the full Commissioner listing on the ICC’s website.

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The Illinois Commerce Commission's mission is to pursue an appropriate balance between the interests of consumers and existing and emerging service providers to ensure the provision of adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services. The Commission consists of three bureaus: the Bureau of External Affairs, which provides educational information on utility issues for consumers, governmental entities and communities and through its Consumer Services Division, resolves customer/utility disputes and develops rules on utility service and consumer protection; the Public Utilities Bureau, which focuses on financial and operational analysis, policy development, public safety and enforcement activities related to electric, natural gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies; and the Transportation Bureau, which includes trucking insurance and registration, railroad safety, relocation towing, safety towing and household goods moving company enforcement activities. The ICC's five commissioners are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Illinois State Senate for five-year terms.

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