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ICC Chairman Brien Sheahan Appointed to Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee

Chicago—United States Secretary of Energy Rick Perry has appointed Brien J. Sheahan, Chairman and CEO of the Illinois Commerce Commission, to serve on the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC) of the Department of Energy (DOE).

“I would like to thank Secretary Perry for the opportunity to serve on this important committee. This is a pivotal time for the nuclear energy industry. Illinois leads the nation in terms of the number of reactors and generating capacity from nuclear power and recent state policy changes affirm strong support for maintaining this essential zero carbon resource. I look forward to sharing my experience and knowledge with the other members of the committee and am honored to have been chosen,” Sheahan said.

The committee was established in 1998 to provide independent advice to the Office of Nuclear Energy on scientific, commercial, technical, and programmatic issues. The committee reviews and provides advice and recommendations on the DOE’s nuclear energy programs.

In his appointment letter, Chairman Sheahan is asked to provide advice and expertise on innovation and the modernization of the nation’s utility infrastructure and regulatory paradigms.

“The U.S. nuclear energy sector is at a pivotal point, with transformational and innovative technologies on the horizon,” said Ed McGinnis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy. “These members are chosen to reflect our intent of gaining a wide variety of expert advice for the Office of Nuclear Energy as it supports the revitalization and expansion of the U.S. nuclear energy sector.”

The Committee reports to the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy and is expected to meet approximately two to three times a year without compensation. Chairman Sheahan’s NEAC term is set to expire on December 31, 2019.

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