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Carrie Zalewski Named ICC Chairman by Gov. Pritzker

Chicago, IL.... Effective immediately, Governor JB Pritzker has promoted Commissioner Carrie Zalewski as Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Zalewski was recently appointed to a five-year term to the Commission and is awaiting Senate confirmation.

“It’s an honor to have been chosen to lead the ICC by Governor Pritzker. Illinois is on the verge of a major energy transformation. I am very excited and thankful to Governor Pritzker for the opportunity to serve in this position during these very interesting and challenging times. The transition to the ICC has been very natural for me based on my education and experience as a regulator, attorney and engineer. I am ready to get to work on behalf of the people of Illinois in this new capacity,” said Zalewski.

Chairman Zalewski is an accomplished, well-respected attorney with extensive public service as a state regulator. Since 2009, she served on the Illinois Pollution Control Board, where she helped decide complex environmental cases under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, shaped critical rulemaking and worked to properly balance the interests of Illinois businesses and residents while protecting Illinois’ land, air, and water. She was appointed under Democratic and Republican governors and earned the respect of her peers and stakeholders directly involved in Board decisions.

Prior to serving on the Illinois Pollution Control Board, Zalewski was Assistant Chief Counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation. She deftly handled various environmental issues regarding NPDES permits and leading underground storage tanks. She also provided counsel on other air, land, water and transportation safety issues. She has also worked in private practice.

Chairman Zalewski earned her Juris Doctor at the Chicago-Kent Law School and her Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a 2008 graduate of the Illinois Women in Leadership Program.

“Today I am proud to pass the gavel onto our new Chairman, Carrie Zalewski. I have no doubts that she will do a fantastic job. Carrie brings to the Commission a tremendous amount of expertise and is well prepared to handle the tasks ahead. I expect a very smooth transition and look forward to continuing the work of the ICC alongside of her,” said outgoing ICC Chairman Brien J. Sheahan.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission’s Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

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