



Illinois Senate Confirms Michael T. Carrigan as ICC Commissioner

Springfield, IL – The Illinois State Senate has officially confirmed the appointment of Michael T. Carrigan as Commissioner of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Governor JB Pritzker appointed Carrigan to the position on January 31, 2020 to a five-year term.

“A special thank you to Governor JB Pritzker and members of the Illinois Senate for the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Illinois as a Commissioner,” said Michael T. Carrigan. “My career began in the electric industry and I went on to spend many years dealing with labor issues. I feel as though I have come full circle. I enjoy being a regulator and look forward to tackling the tough cases before the Commission.”

“We are very pleased with the confirmation of Commissioner Carrigan. He is extremely knowledgeable and brings a wealth of experience to the Commission. He is conscientious in his decision making and it’s a pleasure serving with him,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski.

Prior to joining the ICC, Carrigan served as an Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) officer for more than 19 years. He was the IL AFL-CIO President from February 2007 to December 2019, and secretary-treasurer for the seven years prior. In 1978, he began his career as an apprentice electrician at the Decatur-based IBEW Local 146. He spent the next 22 years rising through the ranks as a journeyman wireman, business agent, and finally as its business manager and financial secretary.

Carrigan formerly served on the National AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and is a former co-chair of the Illinois Building and Construction Trades Committee. He is a former member of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council Executive Board, and a former advisory member of the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Committee.

He formerly served six years, as Chairman of the 13-state AFL-CIO Central Regions State Federation Organization and was a trustee on the NECA-IBEW Health and Welfare Trust Fund and Pension Fund Boards. He also served as chairman of the South-Central Illinois Telecommunication Council of the IBEW and as president of the Decatur Building Trades Council.

Carrigan was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms on the council before being appointed mayor of Decatur in July of 2008 to serve out the remaining term (ending in April 2009) of the retiring mayor.

Carrigan earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MacMurray College (Jacksonville) in 1976. He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Critical Infrastructure Committee and Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal Subcommittee. Additionally, Commissioner Carrigan is a member of the NARUC-DOE (U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy) Nuclear Energy Partnership (NEP).

