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Commissioner Hudson to Resign in August **Former PUC Chairman to end five-year tenure**

Public Utility Commissioner and former Chairman Paul Hudson on Thursday announced his resignation effective Aug. 15.

“Five years ago, I came to the PUC with a very long to-do list,” said Hudson. “Having worked through that list with my colleagues, market participants, customers and our extraordinary staff, it’s time for a new list, a new set of challenges.”

Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed Hudson to the Commission Aug. 26, 2003 and designated the Commissioner as Chairman Jan. 26, 2004. He continued as Chairman until November 2007.

“Paul has served the State of Texas with the utmost integrity,” said Gov. Perry. “His service on the PUC has significantly enhanced our state’s economy, paving the way toward continued innovation and diversification of the Texas energy industry to ensure its ongoing success.”

Texas became the national leader in wind generation while Hudson was chairman. In addition, he helped establish electricity market rules leading to a dramatic increase in generation capacity to meet the demands of a rapidly growing state. Other achievements include a vibrant development of added electric transmission, steering the PUC through the legislative review process known as Sunset and guiding the development of electricity interconnections between Texas and Mexico to bolster economic growth along the border.

“We have more to accomplish,” added Hudson. “In my final weeks, choosing the optimal transmission investment for delivering wind power and kick-starting the digitization of electricity through advanced meters are key steps to a sustainable energy future.”

Before his appointment to the PUC, Hudson served as Director of Policy, Deputy Director – policy, and Policy Director for Business and Regulatory Issues in the Office of the Governor. He also worked at the Commission as advisor to Commissioner Brett Perlman and on policy development staff under the former Chairman of both the PUC and the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) Pat Wood.

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