

**Jon Wellinghoff**  
**Commissioner**

Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff was recommended by U.S. Senator Harry Reid and nominated by President Bush. He was sworn into office on July 31, 2006, for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

Before coming to the Commission, Mr. Wellinghoff was a partner with one of Nevada's largest law firms. He has concentrated his practice in the fields of energy law and utility regulation for the past thirty-two years. In addition to representing clients before the Nevada Commission where his regulatory practice was primarily focused, he also has represented clients before the regulatory commissions of California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona (Corporation Commission), Washington (UTC), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has testified as an expert witness on behalf of clients in utility regulatory matters in Nevada, Texas, and the District of Columbia, and was retained as a consultant to the staff of the Oregon Commission. He has also advised the staffs of the Missouri, Minnesota, New York, and Georgia Commissions.

Mr. Wellinghoff's utility practice has included several public sector positions. Mr. Wellinghoff was appointed by the Attorney General of Nevada to serve as the state's first Consumer Advocate for Customers of Public Utilities. While Consumer Advocate, Mr. Wellinghoff represented Nevada's utility consumers before the Nevada Commission, the FERC, and in appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court. He served two terms as Consumer Advocate, and personally participated in dozens of complex utility rate and regulatory matters on behalf of Nevada Consumers. While Consumer Advocate, Mr. Wellinghoff authored one of the first comprehensive state utility integrated planning statutes and successfully lobbied that statute through the Nevada legislature. The statute became a model for utility integrated planning processes across the country and companion statutes were eventually adopted in seventeen other states.

The last public sector position that Mr. Wellinghoff held was as Staff Counsel to the Nevada Public Utilities Commission. In that position he was lead counsel in the merger proceeding between Nevada's two largest utilities, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Power Company.

In private practice, Mr. Wellinghoff represented numerous clients in the renewable energy sector. As part of that representation, he authored extensive amendments to the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and was also involved in RPS legislation and regulations throughout the Western U.S. and at the Federal level.

Mr. Wellinghoff also served as a Staff Attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, Energy and Product Information Division, Washington, D.C., Staff Counsel for the United States Senate Commerce Committee, Consumer Subcommittee, in Washington, D.C., and Deputy District Attorney in the Consumer Fraud Division for Washoe County District Attorney's Office in Reno, Nevada.

Since joining the Commission in July of 2006, Mr. Wellinghoff has been appointed to serve as an advisor to the Energy Policy Working Group of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Energy Strategy – Policy Panel, Chaired by Admiral Woolsey, and as Co-chair of the NARUC/FERC Demand Response Collaborative.

**Born:** May 30, 1949.

**Education:** Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C., JD, 1975; Howard University, Washington, D.C., M.A.T., Mathematics, 1972; and University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, BS, Mathematics, 1971.

**Profession:** Lawyer.