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### COMMISSIONER BROWNELL APPOINTS PERSONAL STAFF

Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell has announced the appointment of three top aides to her personal staff to assist her in moving forward with the Commission's agenda.

Commissioner Brownell commented, "I am delighted to have such topnotch staff on board. With their valuable FERC experience, I feel confident that their judgement and expertise in all areas of FERC jurisdiction will serve the Commission well. They are creative problem solvers who believe in the power of markets. We look forward to a productive tenure."

The appointments include Mary C. Morton, James A. Pederson, and Jamie L. Simler.

Ms. Morton previously served as an attorney advisor since December 2000 in the Office of the General Counsel at the Commission. Prior to that she was an environmental protection specialist at the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance. During her tenure at the Department of the Interior, Ms. Morton was detailed to the White House Council on Environmental Quality for two years where she chaired an interagency task force among federal agencies to improve cleanup of hazardous waste. Prior to that, she was an associate with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton. Ms. Morton received her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. degree in Philosophy from the University of Cincinnati.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Pederson served as a supervisory attorney-advisor in

the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates where he was a special assistant to the director focusing on gas issues. Prior to that, he was a deputy director in the Division of Policy,

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Technology and Planning and the Division of Litigation in the Office of Pipeline Regulation. Since beginning his career with the FERC in 1979, Mr. Pederson has also served as a trial attorney in the Office of the General Counsel and a technical analyst/witness in the Office of Pipeline Producer Regulation. Mr. Pederson received his J.D. degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law and his B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Simler served as a supervisory energy industry analyst in the FERC's Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates (OMTR), Division of Corporate Applications since November 2000. Prior to that, she was an energy industry analyst in OMTR's Division of Issue Identification and Resolution Management and a public utilities specialist in the former Office of Electric Power Regulation. Ms. Simler held several positions at Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington, D.C. focusing on regulatory matters relating to cost recovery mechanisms, marginal costs, and transmission and distribution issues. Before that, she held positions at Panhandle Eastern Corporation in Washington D.C. and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America in Washington, D.C. Ms. Simler received her Master of Business Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

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