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**COMMISSIONER BREATHITT NAMES NEW ADVISOR  
AND ANNOUNCES OFFICE REORGANIZATION**

Commissioner Linda K. Breathitt today named Jennifer Shepherd as her new Technical Advisor. Ms. Shepherd has more than nine years' experience in the energy industry, including positions in energy conservation planning, retail market design, and electric industry operations.

Ms. Shepherd joined the FERC staff in 1997 as an analyst in the Office of Litigation. Most recently, in the Office of Markets Tariffs and Rates, she has advised on California and west-wide market mitigation. Ms. Shepherd previously held roles as a markets analyst and electricity trader with the Lower Colorado River Authority in Austin, Texas. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University. Ms. Shepherd joins current Technical Advisor Christopher A. John and Legal Advisor Mary E. Bengé on Commissioner Breathitt's advisory staff.

Commissioner Breathitt also announced that she has reorganized her office for both electric and natural gas matters. Commissioner Breathitt commented, "I am enthusiastic about having three energy advisors. I believe this new structure better reflects the realities of the marketplace and the workload of the Commission. This arrangement will make it easier for me to draw upon Chris's and Mary's extensive expertise in restructuring gas markets as we proceed with an ambitious electric policy agenda; and Jennifer's unique capabilities will be an asset in all of our program areas."

The reorganization follows the departure of Michael Alexander, who left Commissioner Breathitt's office last month to join Cinergy Corporation's Washington, D.C., office.