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### J. MCLANE LAYTON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Pat Wood, III today named J. McLane Layton as Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office of External Affairs.

In making today's announcement, Chairman Wood commented: "We are indeed fortunate to have someone of McLane's broad energy and regulatory experience. I am pleased she has agreed to accept this position and look forward to her leadership and advice in listening to and communicating with the Commission's diverse constituencies."

For the past 14 years, Ms. Layton was legislative counsel to Senator Don Nickles, advising the Senator on, among other issues, energy, environmental and natural resources law and policy. Prior to her service with Senator Nickles, Ms. Layton was an attorney in the Department of Interior's Solicitor's Office.

Ms. Layton received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Juris Doctor degree from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. In addition, Ms. Layton holds a Master of Arts degree from George Mason University.

The Office of External Affairs is the Commission's primary point of contact with the public, Congress, international, federal, state and local government offices, public interest groups and the news media.

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