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Public Invited to Join July 24th Celebration
PSC Celebrates 100 Years of Service

MADISON – The public is invited to join Governor Jim Doyle and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) to celebrate 100 years of progressive public regulatory service for the citizens of Wisconsin. The celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m., at the PSC, 610 N. Whitney Way, in Madison. Governor Doyle and former PSC commissioners will be in attendance.

Wisconsin was the first state in the nation to regulate public utilities. The PSC was born in Wisconsin's Progressive Era with its roots reaching back to 1874 and the founding of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission. The PSC we know today was created in July, 1907.

Over the past 100 years Wisconsin has set the bar high with its work for ratepayers through innovative regulation of water, electric and telecommunications utilities. The Commission has been an incubator for creative regulatory solutions that balance the need for reliable service and reasonable rates. These include some of the earliest applications of economic theory to the regulation of utilities and groundbreaking work on energy efficiency. The Commission continues to lead in these and other areas as it enters its second century.

"On behalf of your friends and colleagues at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, I want to congratulate the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as it celebrates its 100th anniversary," said NARUC President Jim Kerr. "Throughout its distinguished history, the Wisconsin commission has been a national leader in progressive regulatory policy. This leadership continues today, from implementing innovative renewable energy initiatives to approving the first standalone transmission company in the nation. The dedication and leadership of the Commissioners and staff, both past and present, have provided invaluable service to the citizens of Wisconsin and to the nation. We congratulate you for a century of outstanding service, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to meet the challenges that confront the citizens of Wisconsin and the nation."

The public ceremony will be held in the courtyard in front of the Commission building.

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