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Statement

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Statement on the Passing of Former DCPSC Chairman Marlene L. Johnson, Esq.

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Chairman Betty Ann Kane released the following statement on the passing of former Chairman Marlene L. Johnson, Esq. of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission):

“Like many, I was saddened to hear of the passing of former Commission Chairman Marlene L. Johnson, Esq. over the weekend. She had a long and distinguished career in the District of Columbia Government. During her four years as Commission Chairman, she was responsible for the regulation and oversight of the District’s utility companies. Most notably, she worked extensively with outside and staff counsel to draft decisions and legal pleadings, including a decision interpreting ambiguous D.C. law in order to authorize utility company mergers.”

“I have a tremendous respect for her dedication to public service. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family, friends, and colleagues as we remember former Commission Chairman Marlene Johnson, Esq.”

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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CHAIRMAN

MARLENE L. JOHNSON

TERM: DECEMBER 4, 1995 – SEPTEMBER 30, 1999



Mayor Marion Barry nominated Marlene L. Johnson as Chairman of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia. She served from December 4, 1995 until September 30, 1999.

Marlene Johnson grew up in Washington, D.C. where she graduated from National Cathedral School. She received her B.A. degree from Boston University and her JD degree from the University of Chicago School of Law.

During Ms. Johnson's four years as Chairperson of the Commission, she was responsible for regulation and oversight of the District's utilities and telecommunications companies. While at the Commission, she worked extensively with outside and staff counsel to draft decisions and legal pleadings, including a decision interpreting ambiguous D.C. law in order to authorize utility company mergers and the successful defense of a federal suit challenging a Commission arbitration decision. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Johnson had been Chairperson of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for twelve years where she presided over all quasi-judicial proceedings of the Board in which litigants were represented by private counsel. For two years, Ms. Johnson served as the first chief operating executive and supervisory hearing officer of the District of Columbia Office of Employee Appeals when the agency was created. In addition to recommending decisions to the agency's Board, she worked closely with the D.C. Council to streamline the appellate review procedures. In September of 2005, Ms. Johnson was named General Counsel of the Washington Convention Center Authority where she remains employed.

Ms. Johnson is the current General Counsel of the Women's Congressional Staff Association in Washington, D.C.