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## **Governor Doyle Appoints Mark Meyer to Public Service Commission**

Governor Jim Doyle today announced the appointment of State Senator Mark Meyer to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC). Meyer will fill the open term that ends on March 1, 2005 and a full six-year term after that date.

"Through his experiences in the both the Legislature and the private sector, Mark Meyer has demonstrated the good judgment and balanced decision-making critical to his new position as Commissioner and to our efforts to grow Wisconsin's economy," Governor Doyle said. "The issues before the Commission require a common-sense approach. Mark Meyer's experience and legislative record show that he is the person for the job."

Burnie Bridge, PSC Chairperson, welcomed Meyer to the post. "I had the opportunity to work with Mark Meyer when he served on the Senate Utilities and Energy Committee and on the Senate Transportation and Information Infrastructure Committee," Bridge said. "He understands the industry and has a good grasp of the energy and telecommunications challenges and opportunities facing Wisconsin."

"I am honored that Governor Doyle has appointed me to serve as a Commissioner," Meyer said. "I take this responsibility very seriously, and I will work to provide Wisconsin citizens and businesses with reliable energy, water, and telecommunications services at reasonable rates and with as little impact on the environment as possible."

Meyer, 41, who was born in La Crosse, served in the State Assembly from 1992 until 2000. He was elected to the State Senate in 2000. Meyer attended American University in Washington, D.C. and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1988.

Meyer served on the La Crosse City Council from 1985-1989 and then was the director of field operations for the Wisconsin Medical Society. He also was assistant general hotel manager and hotel sales account executive for the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse.

The PSC is an independent agency that is responsible for regulating the state's public utilities. There are three full-time commissioners who serve staggered, six-year terms following appointment by the Governor and confirmation by the State Senate.