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The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee is beginning its screening process for Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee will be accepting applications for Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 beginning Monday, February 1st, until 12:00 p.m., Monday, February 22nd. The Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to investor-owned electric and gas utilities, water and wastewater companies, telecommunications companies, carriers of household goods and hazardous waste for disposal, taxicabs, and other motor vehicle passenger carriers. A commissioner must have at least a baccalaureate degree. It is preferred that a commissioner have a background of substantial duration in one of the following areas: (a) energy; (b) telecommunications; (c) consumer protection and advocacy; (d) water and wastewater; (e) finance, economics, and statistics; (f) accounting; (g) engineering; or (h) law.

The commission is composed of seven commissioners, one from each of the seven Congressional districts. The Commissioner for the First Public Service Commission District represents Charleston, Berkley, Beaufort, Dorchester, and Colleton counties. The Commissioner for the Third Public Service Commission District represents Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens, Greenwood, McCormick, Edgefield, and Saluda counties, as well as parts of Newberry, and Greenville counties. The Commissioner for the Fifth Public Service Commission District represents Cherokee, York, Union, Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield, Kershaw, and Lee counties, and parts of Spartanburg, Newberry, and Sumter counties. The Commissioner for the Seventh Public Service Commission District represents Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Horry, and Georgetown counties. Salary for these positions is \$104,429 annually.

Each candidate is required to submit a completed application form no later than the February 22nd deadline. Applications will not be accepted after noon on Monday, February 22nd. Following the February 22nd filing deadline, the Review Committee will begin its background investigation of candidates. The first public hearing to review each candidate's qualifications is tentatively scheduled to begin in April. Candidates and potential candidates are subject to certain restrictions with respect to contacting members of the General Assembly.

Application forms may be obtained from the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, 102 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, by contacting Heather Anderson, (803) 212-6208 or heatheranderson@scsenate.gov, or by contacting Sharon Scholl, (803) 212-6627 or sharonscholl@scsenate.gov. For further information, contact

Ms. Anderson or Ms. Scholl, or the Public Utilities Review Committee's website at:
www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2016PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php.