Commission Names Elijah Abinah Acting Director of Utilities Division

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission names Elijah Abinah acting director of the Utilities Division.   Abinah has served as assistant director for the past 14 years.

Elijah is a strong leader," said Executive Director Ted Vogt. "He has consistently demonstrated his leadership abilities, knowledge, and skill throughout his role as ombudsman of newly formed Small Water Company Ombudsman Office and in his work on rate cases."

As acting director of the Utilities Division, Abinah will lead the team charged with reviewing and making recommendations to the Commissioners on utility matters including rate cases for electric, gas, water, telecommunications, consumer complaint, and rules and regulations.

"I am honored to be named to this very important position," said Abinah. "There are many important cases that we will be addressing over the next several months and year. I look forward to working with the staff here who always strive for excellence."

Abinah joined the Arizona Corporation Commission in January of 2003 and has over 22 years of experience in public utility regulation. He has been a key participant in Power Africa and USAID efforts through the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) in Nigeria and recently in Uganda. Abinah was named Ombudsman to the Small Water Company Ombudsman Office in August of 2016. In that role, he was instrumental in forwarding the Commission's newly adopted water policies which ensure safe and reliable water service to customers statewide.

Abinah begins his new role effective Monday January 9th.   Former Corporation Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller has been filling the role over the past couple months as an interim.

"I want to thank Jeff for his help and dedication," said Vogt. "His work definitely made a difference during a transitional period at the Commission."