

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission Names New Communication Director

PHOENIX — The Arizona Corporation Commission announced today the appointment of Holly Ward as its new Communications Director. Ward will lead the agency's Communications Division which provides live commission hearing broadcasts, community outreach, social media and media relations.

"We are pleased to welcome Holly to the team," said Chairman Tom Forese. "There are many stories to be told on how this Commission powers Arizona's future including the great work being done as we provide business owners with articles of incorporation to start their business dream, the regulation of public utilities, and oversight of pipeline and railroad safety in our state. We look forward to communicating the value this Commission provides to the citizens we serve."

Ms. Ward comes to the Arizona Corporation Commission with more than 20 years' experience in broadcast journalism and government communications. A Valley native, Ward most recently served as Communication Director for the Arizona Department of Health Services where she led media and public relations functions for the agency, developing proactive internal and external communication strategies to communicate the benefits of public health. Ward begins her post on July 24, 2017.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities and the oversight of incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners who make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and its Commissioners, visit <u>http://azcc.gov</u>.