

IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE HALL

This last June, former Commissioner George Hall died peacefully at his residence in Northern Virginia. He was a member of the initial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission created under the Department of Energy Organization Act Of 1977.

Commissioner Hall brought to that work a Phd in economics, and years of experience, as a faculty member at the University of Virginia, an advisor to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, a scholar at the Rand Corporation, and a member of President Carter's team that drafted the 1977 Energy Plan.

Following his government service, Commissioner Hall and his wife of 59 years, Florence (Flo), were active in many of the community service activities that occupied their life together, most notably, for George, was N Street Village, a home and care facility for homeless women in the District of Columbia.

His first Chairman, Charles B. Curtis, said of him: "George approached energy regulation with a healthy skepticism. He convincingly demonstrated to his colleagues that stale dockets and delayed case decisions cost the consumer and the economy dearly. He definitely made us better as a Commission. George Hall was a true patriot who lived a life of service to country and community. His life with us should be celebrated, and his passing honored by all who knew him and those who benefited from his wisdom."