

Tom Bond, Director of Utilities, Georgia Public Service Commission

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Brown University and a Juris Doctor from the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. I have been a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia since 1990.

I have been involved in business regulation and regulatory law for thirty years and utility regulation in particular for twenty-five years. From 1990 to 1997, I was an Assistant Attorney General with the Georgia Department of Law. In that capacity, I represented the Georgia Public Service Commission in administrative proceedings and in state and federal court proceedings involving telecommunications, natural gas, electricity, and transportation. I also provided advice and other legal assistance to the Commission on utility matters and represented other state agencies, primarily ones involving business regulation, in administrative and court proceedings.

In 1997 and 1998, I was employed as a Senior Attorney at MCI Telecommunications, Inc. I represented MCI in administrative proceedings and other regulatory matters involving telecommunications before the Florida Public Service Commission.

In 1998, I was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia and again represented the Georgia Commission in administrative proceedings and in state and federal court proceedings involving telecommunications, natural gas, and electricity.

On January 1, 2001, I became the Director of Utilities at the Georgia Commission. My statutory duties include directing the activities of the Utilities Division, which includes six units: Telecommunications, Natural Gas, Electric, Consumer Affairs, Facilities Protection, and Internal Consultants. The Commission also has an in-house legal staff of four lawyers, who I supervise. My statutory duties also include managing and coordinating the Commission's preparation of rate cases, scheduling and coordinating all in-house, reactive, regular, and engineering audits, directing all Division personnel, preparation of the Division's section of the Commission's budget, and performing such other duties as assigned by the Commission.