



Paul A. Centolella
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Paul A. Centolella was appointed to the PUCO by Gov. Ted Strickland in 2007.

Commissioner Centolella brings to the PUCO a broad range of experience in public utilities and energy law and economics.

From 1992 to 2007, Commissioner Centolella was a Senior Economist in the Energy Solutions Group of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). In this capacity, he managed projects involving energy and environmental market design, electric power system operations, and economic policy analysis. These projects included leading market design studies for the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO), advising the U.S. Department of Energy on electric industry restructuring, and identifying improvements in power system operations and client business processes.

Prior to working at SAIC, Commissioner Centolella served as the Senior Energy Policy Advisor and a Senior Utility Attorney for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) from 1982 to 1992. While at OCC, he helped develop market-based approaches to environmental regulation, which accelerated emission reductions and reduced the costs of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

He also has worked for the Ohio State Legal Services Association and practiced law in California and Washington.

Commissioner Centolella has had numerous books and articles published on public utilities regulation, electricity markets, and environmental policy.

Commissioner Centolella currently serves as the Secretary of the Organization of PJM States and a member of the FERC – NARUC Smart Grid Collaborative, the FERC – NARUC Demand Response Collaborative, NARUC's Climate Change Task Force, and the NARUC Energy Resources and Environment Committee.

Commissioner Centolella earned a bachelor's degree with honors in economics from Oberlin College and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. He has completed post-graduate and executive education programs through the Harvard Business School and the Institute for Strategic Management. Commissioner Centolella is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the California Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association, the American Economic Association, and the International Association for Energy Economics.