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Paul A. Centolella **Term Ends April 10, 2012**

Commissioner Paul A. Centolella brings to the PUCO more than thirty years of experience in public utilities, energy, and environmental law and economics.

Commissioner Centolella is a member of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Energy Resources and Environment Committee, the NARUC Smart Grid Working Group, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / NARUC Smart Response Collaborative. He represents NARUC on the Electric Power Research Institute's public Advisory Council and serves on the Advisory Council's Executive Committee.

He is the PUCO's representative on the Board of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI). OPSI is the organization of fourteen state and local utility regulatory commissions from jurisdictions served by PJM, a regional operator of wholesale power markets and electric transmission facilities.

In 2011, Commissioner Centolella was elected by state and local utility regulators to serve a second two-year term on the Governing Board of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP). SGIP is a public – private partnership of more seven-hundred organizations created by the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology to coordinate and accelerate the development of standards for the Smart Grid.

In 2011, Commissioner Centolella participated as a member of the U.S. delegation to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Senior Officials Meeting, participating in talks on international cooperation in the development of Smart Grid standards and the impact of such standards on international trade and investment.

In 2011, Commissioner Centolella received the GridWeek Leadership Award, recognizing his role in advancing regulatory and policy initiatives to modernize the electric system. In 2010, Commissioner Centolella was honored by the Demand Response Coordinating Council with its Smart Grid Leadership Award, by the Gridwise Architecture Council with its Gridwise Applied Award for development of regulations and policy consistent with the principles of interoperability, and by the SGIP for ensuring access to information about Smart Grid standards activities.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, from 1992 to 2007, Commissioner Centolella was a Senior Economist in the Energy Solutions Group of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). In that capacity, he managed projects involving the design of energy and environmental markets, the integration of modern information and communications technology into electric power system operations, and economic analyses of energy markets and policies. Before working at SAIC, he 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.

Commissioner Centolella has written extensively on public utilities regulation, electricity markets, and environmental policy.

He has practiced law in Ohio, California, and Washington State and is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, California Bar Association, and Washington State Bar Association.

He also is a member of the American Economic Association and the International Association for Energy Economics.

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.