



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DORA Executive Director Announces Appointment of William Levis as Director of the Office of Consumer Counsel**

William Levis will become the director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies' (DORA) Office of Consumer Counsel on March 16, 2009. The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) advocates the public interest in gas, electric and telephone proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission. Statute requires the Office of Consumer Counsel to represent consumers as a class, not on an individual basis, specifically representing the interests of residential, small business and agricultural energy and telecommunication consumers by promoting affordable, reasonably priced, high quality, reliable service.

“Bill will contribute a wealth of experience to the Office of Consumer Counsel, and we are thrilled to have him join the DORA leadership team,” said DORA Executive Director Rico Munn. “I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the current director of the OCC, Jim Greenwood, for nearly eight years of dedicated public service and for extending his plans for retirement until we could make this appointment.”

Levis is currently the vice president and general counsel for Nuss PSG and CAP Logistics, a transportation company. CAP Logistics recently received the distinguished award of “Small Business of the Year” from the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. Bill previously served as director of law and public policy for MCI for nearly 20 years, where he led the regulatory and government affairs department in western states. He appeared as an attorney before public utilities commissions in 20 states, including Colorado. Before that, he was an assistant attorney general in the Colorado Department of Law where he represented the Department of Regulatory Agencies among other state agencies. Levis also was the regional attorney for the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

“I am excited to once again appear before the Public Utilities Commission,” said Levis. “Having worked for both large and small companies in the telecommunications industry, as well as in rural areas of the western United States, I am looking forward to help shape telecommunications policy throughout the state. It is also an exciting time to be able to contribute to the national and Colorado discussions on how the new energy economy impacts consumers.”

Levis is a board member of the Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program at the University of Colorado Law School; the former chair of the Rocky Mountain and Chicago Chapters of the Federal Communications Bar Association; and the current president of the Brain Injury Association of Colorado. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois College of Law and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan.

For a photograph of William Levis, please email [DORAc communications@dora.state.co.us](mailto:DORAc communications@dora.state.co.us).

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