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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Jackson, Miss. (3/04/2014) The Mississippi Public Service Commission (PSC) announced today its unanimous decision to name Katherine Collier to the position of Executive Secretary replacing Brian Ray who has elected to retire after over 30 years with the agency. The transition will be effective July 1 this year.

Collier is currently a Senior Attorney with the Public Service Commission and is a life-long resident of Mississippi having grown up in Scooba. Before coming to the Commission in 2009, Collier was director of Legal Operations, Child Support Enforcement for the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

"I'm honored to receive unanimous support of the commissioners and I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as lead administrator for the agency," said Collier.

Commission Chairman Lynn Posey said, "The Public Service Commission very much appreciates Brian Ray's long and exemplary service to the commission and we have every confidence that Ms. Collier will carry on Brian's tradition of excellence.

Northern District Commissioner Brandon Presley said, "I was proud to nominate Katherine for this position and am pleased that she received a unanimous vote of all Commissioners to shatter one of the last glass ceilings in state government. She is uniquely qualified and capable to do the work this job will require."

As chief executive of the Commission, the Executive Secretary requires approval of the Mississippi Senate.

For more information, contact the Executive Secretary's office at 601-961-5400.

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