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Hochstetter to join Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

Little Rock, Ark. — Aug. 7, 2007 — Sandra Hochstetter, commissioner and former chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), will join Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) as vice president of strategic affairs effective this fall.

“Ms. Hochstetter has exceptional knowledge of the utility industry and skills that will assist Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation as we work to meet the needs of our members,” said Gary Voigt, president and chief executive officer of AECC. “Having this proven and effective consumer advocate on our team will be a great asset to the cooperatives.”

Hochstetter served as chairman of the APSC for six and a half years and has been a member of the commission for a total of eight and a half years. She has more than 22 years in the field of utility regulation and has a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

“I look forward to continue to work for the interests of the electric consumers in Arkansas,” Hochstetter said. “As member-owned utilities, the cooperatives are true consumer advocates.”

AECC, based in Little Rock, provides electric power for about 480,000 members of Arkansas' 17 electric distribution cooperatives. AECC has assets of approximately \$1.1 billion and annual energy sales of about \$468 million. AECC provides power to its members - the 17 electric distribution cooperatives - through its generation assets, which include three hydropower plants; three natural gas/oil-fired plants and two natural gas-fired-only plants. AECC also co-owns portions of three coal-fired plants.

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