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NEWS RELEASE: Commission leadership changes with appointment of new commissioner, election of new president.

BOISE (Feb. 4, 2025) – Idaho Public Utilities Commission leadership has changed with the election of Edward Lodge as Commission President, and former lead deputy attorney general Dayn Hardie being appointed a Commissioner.

Hardie is replacing Commission President Eric Anderson, who is departing the commission after serving for close to 10 years.

Hardie attended law school at the University of Oregon School of Law and graduated in 2016. He also has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Oregon Lundquist College of Business.

Hardie worked in private practice in eastern Oregon for two years, then joined the Commission as a deputy attorney general in 2019. He became lead deputy attorney general in 2022.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join the Public Utilities Commission and look forward to working with Commissioners’ Lodge and John Hammond,” Hardie said. “I want to thank Gov. Brad Little for trusting me to serve our great state in this capacity.”

Lodge and Hammond thanked Anderson for his extensive public service on Tuesday.

“I want to recognize the years of service that President Anderson has provided to this agency and to the state of Idaho as a legislator,” Hammond said. “And his efforts and contributions across the west and the nation, fighting for Idaho always.”

“The state of Idaho is a better place because of the leadership of Eric Anderson,” Lodge said. “So we do have big shoes to fill.”

Anderson was appointed to the commission by former Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter in December of 2015, and reappointed in January of 2019 by Governor Brad Little. He served as the Commission’s President since December of 2021. During his tenure at the Commission, Anderson served on various committees at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Vice Chair of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance, and other energy and transmission related groups dealing with industry concerns and the impact for the ratepayers of Idaho.

Anderson also served in the Idaho Legislature for five terms and helped secure funding to fight invasive Quagga Mussels that threaten Idaho waterways. Before serving in the Legislature and on the commission, Anderson served as Director and Vice President of an electric cooperative in Sandpoint, Idaho.

The governor appoints the three commissioners with confirmation by the Idaho Senate. Commissioners serve staggered six-year terms.