
Jeff Cloud



Commissioner

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CLOUD NAMED TO BUSINESS, UTILITY ADVISORY BOARDS

Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Jeff Cloud has agreed to serve on advisory boards for two prestigious university-based organizations related to utility regulation research and education.

This month, Cloud agreed to serve during 2004 as vice chairman of the Advisory Board of the Public Utility Division of the Financial Research Institute.

The Financial Research Institute, a unit of the College of Business at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., promotes education, research and service across various areas of finance and seeks to increase public understanding of the many business challenges faced by modern corporations.

The Institute's Public Utilities Division focuses specifically on utility industry regulatory issues. It also sponsors an annual public utilities symposium that brings together regulators, students, corporate managers and others to discuss issues confronting regulated industries.

After serving for a year as vice chairman of the Advisory Board of the Institute's Public Utilities Division, the schedule would call for Cloud to move up in 2005 to the chairmanship of the board. That Advisory Board is made up of regulators and representatives of various segments of the utility industry and consumers.

Separately, Cloud also has agreed to serve on the Advisory Board of the Center for Public Utilities, a branch of the College of Business Administration and Economics at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.

The Center for Public Utilities provides educational and research services to the energy, water and telecommunications industries and regulatory commissions across the United States.

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Through a forum of conferences and graduate degree programs, the Center strives to help keep the utility industry and utility regulatory commissions in tune with ever-changing market realities and conditions that challenge existing policies.

Cloud just recently completed his first full year on the Corporation Commission. That three-member panel occupies the lead role atop the agency of the same name that regulates many Oklahoma utilities, oil and gas drilling and production across the state, parts of the trucking industry and more.

Cloud was sworn in to his commission post on Jan. 13, 2003, after winning election on Nov. 5, 2002, to a full six-year term on the Oklahoma regulatory panel. Commission members serve staggered terms so that one member's seat normally is up for election through statewide voting every two years.

Besides putting his expertise and experience to work additionally as a member of the advisory boards of the Financial Research Institute and the Center for Public Utilities, Cloud also serves as a member of the Electricity Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

NARUC, based in Washington, D.C., is the national organization of officials and government agencies engaged in regulation of utilities and carriers across the country. NARUC's member agencies regulate activities of telecommunications, energy and water utilities within their respective states.

The mission of NARUC's Electricity Committee is to develop and advance policies that promote the public interest and lead to reliable, safe and affordable supplies of electricity, to improve the quality and effectiveness of regulatory agencies and to enhance public trust in those agencies.