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Corporation Commissioner Denise Bode Takes Oath of Office

Sees a challenging and rewarding future

(Oklahoma City) Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Denise Bode today took the oath of office for her second full six-year term.

Bode said there are challenging days ahead for the Commission and Oklahoma.

"We have large and complex rate cases pending before us," note Bode. "At the same time, the telecommunications industry is undergoing some major changes, both corporately and on the regulatory level. Security and protection of our critical infrastructure remains of prime concern as well. Closely associated with that is the nation's critical need for oil and natural gas, and the key role Oklahoma producers play in meeting that need. We must continue to find new ways to allow them to operate efficiently, while at the same time upholding the Commission's commitment to protect our environment.

"The Commission oversees some 70 percent of the state's economy," continued Bode. "I and my colleagues are committed to growing this state and building a bright future for our children. It's all about our children. We want to give our children the tools and assets they need to succeed right here in Oklahoma, rather than looking to another part of the country."

Bode was originally appointed to the post by then-Governor Frank Keating in 1997, and elected to her first full term in 1998. In the most recent election, Commissioner Bode garnered more votes than any Republican candidate for state-wide office in Oklahoma history.