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Governor Bob Taft

**TAFT REAPPOINTS ALAN R. SCHRIBER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

COLUMBUS (March 16, 2004) — Governor Bob Taft today announced the reappointment of Alan R. Schriber as Chairman of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Schriber, of Cincinnati, was reappointed for a second five-year term as Chairman of the PUCO for a term ending April 10, 2009.

“Alan has served the people of Ohio well over the past years, and I am confident that he will continue to work hard to ensure that Ohioans have safe and reliable utilities at fair prices,” said Taft.

Before being appointed as Chairman of the PUCO in 1999, Schriber served as a Commissioner from 1983-1989, appointed by then-Governor Richard F. Celeste. He also owned and operated ARS Broadcasting Corp. in Cincinnati, and was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Miami University.

Schriber currently serves on the United States-Canada Power Outage Task Force, the National Governor’s Association Electricity Task Force, the State of Ohio Security Task Force, the National Association of Utility Commissioners Telecommunications Committee, and is Chair of the Ohio Federal Energy Policy Group.

As Chairman of the PUCO, Dr. Schriber heads a 400-person agency and along with four other commissioners, oversees the regulation of electric, natural gas, telecommunications, commercial transportation, and water utilities in the state of Ohio. In addition to serving as Chairman of the PUCO, he serves as Chairman of Ohio's 11-member Power Siting Board. The Board reviews, evaluates, and approves the siting of electric generating plants of 50 megawatts or more, electric transmission lines of 125 kilovolts or more, and natural gas transmission lines capable of transporting gas at more than 125 pounds per square inch of pressure.

Schriber, 58, received his B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, his M.S. degree in Economics from Miami University, and his Ph.D. degree in Economics from Indiana University.

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