



## Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Mack A. Redford, Commissioner  
Kristine Raper, Commissioner

(Editor's note: The following press release identifies Kristine (Sasser) Raper using her married name. The commissioner recently married and will be using her married surname.)

## Governor Otter appoints Kristine Raper to six-year term on Idaho Public Utilities Commission

**BOISE (Feb. 19, 2015)** – Idaho Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter this week announced the appointment of Kristine (Sasser) Raper to a six-year term on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. While Raper’s term officially begins today, her appointment is subject to confirmation by the Idaho State Senate.

Raper, 43, succeeds Commissioner Marsha Smith, who is retiring after serving four terms as a commissioner and nearly 35 years in state government.



Before her appointment to the commission, Raper served for seven years as a state deputy attorney general assigned as legal counsel to the Public Utilities Commission. She represented the commission on two cases that were appealed to the state Supreme Court and one case in federal district court.

Prior to her work in the attorney general’s office, she served for eight years as a law clerk to Commissioner R.D. Maynard of the Idaho Industrial Commission.

Raper was born in Delaware and moved to Utah with her family in the early 1980s. In 1995, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Boise State University and in 2001 received her juris doctor from the University of Idaho.

Raper will serve with Commission President Paul Kjellander and Commissioner Mack Redford on the three-member commission.

“I’m pleased to be appointed by Governor Otter to serve the citizens of Idaho in this important role. I will work diligently alongside President Kjellander and Commissioner Redford to continue

the PUC's tradition of integrity and fairness," Raper said. "Commissioner Marsha Smith served the state and the commission with great distinction and it is an honor to succeed her."

In his statement, Gov. Otter said, "Over the past seven years, Kristine has distinguished herself as someone who is thorough, professional, collegial and devoted to fulfilling the vital role of an ombudsman for ratepayers and regulator for our public utilities. The electricity, natural gas and other services enjoyed by Idaho citizens are in good hands with Kristine's knowledge, skills and temperament ensuring that our system works."

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