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**KASICH NAMES JOHNSON TO CHAIR PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION OF OHIO**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced the appointment of Thomas W. Johnson of Upper Arlington (Franklin Co.) to chair the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) effective April 11. Johnson will replace current PUCO Chairman Todd Snitchler who announced in January his decision to step down at the end of his term. Johnson’s term will expire April 10, 2019, and the appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate.

A native of New Concord in Muskingum County, Johnson spent 22 years in the Ohio House of Representatives representing all or parts of Athens, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum and Washington Counties. While in the legislature, Johnson served as Chair of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, and sat on the House Utilities Committee and the House Energy and Environment Committee. Upon leaving the legislature in 1999, Johnson became budget director for the Office of Budget and Management, a position he held for seven years. In 2006, Johnson joined The Ohio State University to teach public budgeting at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. He was later named Interim University Treasurer, and in 2011 became the Assistant Vice President of Financial Services for the University. Currently, Johnson is president of the consulting firm Ohio Strategic Advocacy Partners.

Johnson received his bachelor’s degree from Muskingum University. His resume can be viewed [here](#) and his portrait photo [here](#).

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