



James W. Gardner

Vice Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission

Governor Steve Beshear appointed James W. Gardner as vice chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) on June 16, 2008. His term will expire on July 1, 2012.

Commissioner Gardner is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and Committee on Consumer Affairs. He is also a member of the NARUC-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Smart Grid Collaborative. In 2009, Gardner was co-chairman of the NARUC/National Council on Electricity Policy conference on "The Utility of the Future." Commissioner Gardner also serves on the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute, University of Missouri.

Before joining the PSC, Vice Chairman Gardner was a partner in the law firm of Henry Watz Gardner & Sellars PLLC, where he specialized in commercial bankruptcy law.

Vice Chairman Gardner was elected to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in 1982 and served until 1986. He was a member of the Fayette County Board of Education from 1993 to 1997, serving as its chairman from 1995 to 1997.

A native of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, he is a graduate of Franklin County High School (Kentucky). He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Georgetown College, graduating summa cum laude. Vice Chairman Gardner holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the Kentucky Law Journal and Order of the Coif.