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Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards One of 10 Leaders Selected as a 2017 USA Eisenhower Fellow

CHICAGO, IL--ICC Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards has been selected as a 2017 Eisenhower Fellow, a distinction recognizing the nation's top leaders in government, business and civil society. The 2017 Fellows are thought leaders in agricultural policy, education, consumer protection, diplomacy, defense, health, media, immigrant integration and public services.

George de Lama, president of Eisenhower Fellowships, noted that this year's group of Fellows advances the organization's emphasis on increasing the number of American leaders exposed to the world beyond our shores. "This exceptional group of American leaders will meet some of the leading experts in their fields around the world and return home to apply what they learn to make a positive impact and better their communities across the country," de Lama said.

As one of the ten Fellows selected, Commissioner Edwards will exchange knowledge and ideas with leaders in the fields of renewable energy generation and gender equality in Australia and South Africa.

ICC Chairman Brien Sheahan said the fellowship is well-deserved. "Commissioner Edwards has shown dynamic leadership on many impactful issues since her appointment in 2013. We commend her accomplishment and look forward to the knowledge she will bring back to the ICC from this global fellowship."

One of the youngest appointees in the ICC's history, Commissioner Edwards joined the Commission in 2013. She was recently appointed to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) Pipeline Safety Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group, and is actively involved in the National Association

of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she chairs the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety and the Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity. In 2015, Commissioner Edwards participated in an information exchange with a foreign delegation on electric reliability and transmission issues in Dubai. Locally, Commissioner Edwards was influential in the establishment of the ICC's Office of Diversity and Community Affairs and the formation of the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council, both of which focus on advancing the growth and utilization of diverse businesses in the state of Illinois.

"I'm honored to have been selected as a 2017 Eisenhower Fellow," Commissioner Edwards said. "I am committed to serving as an agent of positive change and, with the experience granted by this program, I will be able to participate in a global dialogue surrounding the critical issues of renewable energy and gender equality."

Since 1999, Eisenhower Fellowships has sent nearly 300 U.S. citizens and permanent residents abroad to enhance international understanding and promote peaceful dialogue. "These impressive men and women will serve as outstanding ambassadors for the United States as they travel overseas to grow professionally and take their place in the Eisenhower Fellowships' global network of influential leaders," said General Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the 63-year old Eisenhower Fellowships.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission's mission is to pursue an appropriate balance between the interests of consumers and existing and emerging service providers to ensure the provision of adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services. The Commission consists of three bureaus: the Bureau of External Affairs, which provides educational information on utility issues for consumers, governmental entities and communities and through its Consumer Services Division, resolves customer/utility disputes and develops rules on utility service and consumer protection; the Public Utilities Bureau, which focuses on financial and operational analysis, policy development, public safety and enforcement activities related to electric, natural gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies; and the Transportation Bureau, which includes trucking insurance and registration, railroad safety, relocation towing, safety towing and household goods moving company enforcement activities. The ICC's five commissioners are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Illinois State Senate for five-year terms.

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