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## **State Senate Confirms Governor Rauner’s Historic Appointment to the Illinois Commerce Commission: Sadzi Martha Oliva Becomes First Latina Commissioner**

Springfield – The Illinois Senate on Wednesday voted unanimously to confirm Governor Rauner’s historic appointment of Sadzi Martha Oliva as the first Latina member of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

“I would like to thank Governor Rauner, Chairman Muñoz, and the Illinois Senate for their confidence in me. It is a tremendous honor,” said Oliva. “I am humbled to play a part in the state’s leading role in setting energy policy.”

The Future Energy Jobs Act, which was signed into law by Governor Rauner in December of 2016, is dramatically changing the energy landscape in Illinois. The bi-partisan legislation greatly strengthens and expands the Renewable Portfolio Standard to increase renewable energy sources, as well as reduce emissions, substantially expand energy efficiency programs and save or create thousands of clean energy jobs in Illinois.

Under Governor Rauner’s leadership, the Illinois Commerce Commission has become the most diverse state public utility commission in the nation. With three of the five Hispanic state public utility commissioners (in 2015 Governor Rauner appointed John Rosales to the ICC), Illinois is recognized as a leading state in the nation for energy policy.

“Commissioner Oliva has quickly become a respected state utility regulator with important appointments to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Critical Infrastructure, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council, and as Illinois’ representative on the Organization of MISO States (OMS) Board of Directors,” according to ICC Chairman Brien J. Sheahan. “I am extremely proud of Governor Rauner’s leadership in assembling one of the most diverse and outstanding public utility commissions in the United States.”

Commissioner Oliva earned a JD from Loyola University School of Law and a BA from DePaul University. She is a member of the Cuban-American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois.

The ICC has five Commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Illinois State Senate for staggered five-year terms. Click [here](#) to view the full Commissioner listing on the ICC's website.

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The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission's Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

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