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STATE	AGENCY	START	END
Federal	<i>Interstate Commerce Commission</i>	1887	1996
	<i>Civil Aeronautics Board</i>	1938	1984
	<i>Federal Power Commission</i>	1930	1977
	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	1977	Present
	Federal Communications Commission	1934	Present
Alabama	<i>Railroad Commission of Alabama</i>	1881	1915
	Alabama Public Service Commission	1915	Present
Alaska	<i>Alaska Public Service Commission</i>	1959	1970
	<i>Alaska Public Utilities Commission</i>	1970	1999
	Regulatory Commission of Alaska	1999	Present
Arizona*	Arizona Corporation Commission	1912	Present
Arkansas	<i>Arkansas Railroad Commission</i>	1899	1919
	<i>Arkansas Corporation Commission</i>	1919	1921
	<i>Arkansas Railroad Commission</i>	1921	1933
	<i>Arkansas Corporation Commission</i>	1933	1935
	<i>Arkansas Department of Public Utilities</i>	1935	1945
Arkansas Public Service Commission	1945	Present	
California*	<i>California Railroad Commission</i>	1889	1911
	California Public Utilities Commission	1911	Present
Colorado	<i>Colorado Railroad Commissioner</i>	1885	1893
	<i>Colorado Railroad Commission</i>	1907	1910
	<i>Colorado Railroad Commission</i>	1910	1913
	Colorado Public Utilities Commission	1913	Present
Connecticut	<i>Connecticut Office of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1853	1911
	<i>Connecticut Public Utilities Commission</i>	1911	1975
	<i>Connecticut Public Utility Control Authority</i>	1975	1980
	Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control	1980	Present
Delaware	Delaware Public Service Commission	1949	Present
District of Columbia	<i>DC Public Utility Commission</i>	1913	1964
	DC Public Service Commission	1964	Present

STATE	AGENCY	START	END
Florida	<i>Florida Railroad Commission</i>	1887	1891
	<i>Florida Railroad Commission</i>	1897	1947
	<i>Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission</i>	1947	1963
	<i>Florida Public Utility Commission</i>	1963	1979
	Florida Public Service Commission	1979	Present
Georgia	<i>Railroad Commission of Georgia</i>	1879	1920
	Georgia Public Service Commission	1920	Present
Guam	Guam Public Utilities Commission		Present
Hawaii	Hawaii Public Utilities Commission	1913	Present
Idaho	Idaho Public Utilities Commission	1913	Present
Illinois	<i>Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission</i>	1871	1913
	<i>Illinois Public Utilities Commission</i>	1913	1921
	Illinois Commerce Commission	1921	Present
Indiana	<i>Indiana Railroad Commission</i>	1905	1913
	<i>Public Service Commission of Indiana</i>	1913	1987
	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	1987	Present
Iowa	<i>Iowa Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1878	1937
	<i>Iowa State Commerce Commission</i>	1937	1986
	Iowa State Utilities Board	1986	Present
Kansas	<i>Kansas Railroad Commission</i>	1883	1911
	<i>Kansas Public Utilities Commission</i>	1911	1933
	Kansas State Corporation Commission	1933	Present
Kentucky	<i>Kentucky Railroad Commission</i>	1891	2000
	<i>The Commission of Kentucky</i>	1934	1979
	<i>Kentucky Energy Regulatory Commission</i>	1979	1981
	Kentucky Public Service Commission	1981	Present
Louisiana*	<i>Louisiana Railroad Commission</i>	1899	1921
	Louisiana Public Service Commission	1921	Present
Maine	<i>Maine Railroad Commission</i>	1858	1914
	<i>Maine Water Storage Commission</i>	1909	1914
	Maine Public Utilities Commission	1914	Present
Maryland	Maryland Public Service Commission	1910	Present
Massachusetts	<i>Massachusetts Railroad Commission</i>	1869	1913
	<i>Massachusetts Gas Commission</i>	1885	1891
	<i>Massachusetts Board of Gas and Electric Light Comm.</i>	1891	1919
	<i>Massachusetts Public Service Commission</i>	1913	1919
	<i>Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities</i>	1919	1997
	<i>Massachusetts Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy</i>	1997	2007
	The Department of Telecommunications & Cable	2007	Present
The Department of Public Utilities	2007	Present	
Michigan	<i>Michigan Railroad Commission</i>	1873	1919
	<i>Michigan Public Utilities Commission</i>	1919	1939
	Michigan Public Service Commission	1939	Present

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Minnesota	<i>Minnesota Railroad Commission</i>	1871	1885
	<i>Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission</i>	1885	1967
	<i>Minnesota Public Service Commission</i>	1967	1980
	Minnesota Public Utilities Commission	1980	Present
Mississippi	<i>Mississippi Railroad Commission</i>	1884	1938
	Mississippi Public Service Commission	1938	Present
Missouri	<i>Missouri Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners</i>	1889	1913
	Missouri Public Service Commission	1913	Present
Montana	<i>Montana Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1907	1913
	Montana Public Service Commission	1913	Present
Nebraska*	<i>Nebraska Railway Commission</i>	1885	1887
	<i>Nebraska Transportation Board</i>	1887	1901
	<i>Nebraska Railway Commission</i>	1907	1972
	Nebraska Public Service Commission	1972	Present
Nevada	<i>Nevada Railroad Commission</i>	1907	1919
	Nevada Public Service Commission	1919	Present
New Hampshire	<i>New Hampshire State Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1844	1911
	<i>New Hampshire Public Service Commission</i>	1911	1951
	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	1951	Present
New Jersey	<i>New Jersey Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1907	1910
	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	1910	Present
New Mexico*	<i>New Mexico State Corporation Commission</i>	1912	1999
	<i>New Mexico Public Service Commission</i>	1941	1999
	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission	1999	Present
New York	<i>New York Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1855	1905
	<i>New York Commission of Gas and Electricity</i>	1905	1907
	<i>New York Public Service Commission District I and II</i>	1907	1926
	<i>New York Department of Public Service</i>	1926	1953
	New York Public Service Commission	1953	Present
North Carolina	<i>North Carolina Railroad Commission</i>	1891	1899
	<i>North Carolina Corporation Commission</i>	1899	1933
	<i>North Carolina Office of Utilities Commissioners</i>	1933	1941
	North Carolina Public Utilities Commission	1941	Present
North Dakota*	<i>North Dakota Office of Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1889	1940
	North Dakota Public Service Commission	1940	Present
Ohio	<i>Ohio Office of the Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs</i>	1867	1911
	<i>Public Utilities Commission of Ohio</i>	1911	1913
	Ohio Public Utilities Commission	1913	Present
Oklahoma*	Oklahoma Corporation Commission	1907	Present
Oregon	<i>Oregon Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1887	1898
	<i>Oregon Railroad Commission</i>	1907	1915
	<i>Oregon Public Service Commission</i>	1915	1931
	<i>Oregon Public Utility Commissioner</i>	1931	1987
	Oregon Public Utilities Commission	1987	Present
Pennsylvania	<i>Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission</i>	1908	1913
	<i>Pennsylvania Public Service Commission</i>	1913	1937
	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	1937	Present

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Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board		Present
Rhode Island	<i>Rhode Island Railroad Commission</i>	1839	1868
	<i>Rhode Island Railroad Commissioner</i>	1872	1912
	Rhode Island Public Utility Commission	1912	Present
South Carolina	<i>South Carolina Railroad Commission</i>	1879	1935
	<i>South Carolina Public Service Commission</i>	1915	1922
	South Carolina Public Service Commission	1935	Present
South Dakota	<i>South Dakota Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1886	1939
	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission	1939	Present
Tennessee	<i>Tennessee Railroad and Public Utilities Commission</i>	1897	1996
	Tennessee Regulatory Authority	1996	Present
Texas	The Railroad Commission of Texas	1891	Present
	<i>Texas Water Commission</i>	1985	1993
	<i>Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission</i>	1993	2002
	Texas Public Utility Commission	1975	Present
	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	2002	Present
Utah	<i>Public Utilities Commission of Utah</i>	1917	1935
	Utah Public Service Commission	1935	Present
Vermont	<i>Vermont Public Service Commission</i>	1886	1961
	Vermont Public Service Board	1961	Present
Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Public Service Commission		Present
Virginia	Virginia State Corporation Commission	1902	Present
Washington	<i>Washington Railroad Commission</i>	1905	1911
	<i>Public Service Commission of the State of Washington</i>	1911	1921
	<i>Washington Department of Public Works</i>	1921	1935
	<i>Washington Department of Public Service</i>	1935	1945
	<i>Washington Department of Public Utilities</i>	1945	1949
	<i>Washington Department of Transportation</i>	1945	1949
	<i>Washington Public Service Commission</i>	1949	1961
	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission	1961	Present
West Virginia	West Virginia Public Service Commission	1913	Present
Wisconsin	<i>Wisconsin Board of Railroad Commissioners</i>	1874	1931
	Wisconsin Public Service Commission	1931	Present
Wyoming	Wyoming Public Service Commission	1915	Present

* Constitutional agencies: Arizona, California, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma.