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### MEDIA ALERT

**Utah Department of Commerce announces New Director of Public Utilities Division**  
(For immediate release...)

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah** – Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, announced today that Christopher R. Parker has been appointed as the new Director of Utah Division of Public Utilities (DPU) to become effective January 10, 2011. Phil Powlick, former DPU Director, resigned from the position to pursue other ventures.

“The Department of Commerce is pleased to announce Chris Parker as Director of the Division of Public Utilities. Chris’ years as an Associate General Counsel for the Utah legislature covering public utility issues will be of great service in his new role,” said Francine A. Giani, “We are confident that Chris’ background will enable him to hit the ground running in this new position.”

#### About Christopher R. Parker

Parker previously worked as an Associate General Counsel for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel where he drafted energy and environmental legislation. Prior to his tenure with the Office of Legislative Research, he served as a law clerk with the Utah Supreme Court and Utah County Attorney’s Office. Parker earned his Juris Doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University where he graduated cum laude and earned a Bachelor of Science from Weber State University where he also graduated cum laude. Chris and his wife have two children and reside in Layton.

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