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GOVERNOR SWEARS IN FREDERICK F. BUTLER AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Gov. Christie Whitman today swore in Frederick F. Butler of Plainsboro as a member of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

"As a former BPU president, I know that Fred brings a wealth of experience to this position," the Governor said. "Fred Butler has all the credentials to meet the challenges before him - not the least of which is energy deregulation. And I know he will use all these skills - and his untiring devotion to New Jersey - to achieve the best for the people of this great state."

Butler was formerly an executive director of the New Jersey General Assembly Democratic Office, a position he held since 1991. He joined the Assembly Democratic Office in 1982, and served as deputy executive director and director of budget and fiscal analysis. He has also served as deputy director of the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning in the Department of Treasury and as a member of the research faculty of the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers University.

Butler presently serves as a member and vice chairman of the Plainsboro Planning Board. He was a former council member in the Borough of Dunellen. He has also taught in Washington, D. C. public schools.

"I am honored, humbled and gratified that the Governor has appointed me as a commissioner to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. This appointment comes at a time when the board is facing challenges of a new era of restructuring, innovation and competition in the telecommunications and energy market places - market places that are the fundamental commodities of life, economic vitality of the state and the overall well-being of its citizens. I am energized and look forward to the challenges that await meet me. I intend to fulfill my responsibilities, as well as achieve the goal of ensuring that all New Jersey consumers continue to be protected," Butler said.

Butler received an M. A. from Johns Hopkins University and a B. A. from Villanova University. He also participated in the Ph.D. program in political science at Rutgers University.

Butler and his wife, the former Carol Soban, are the parents of a son, Ethan.

