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Orjiakor Isiogu, chief of the Public Service Commission's Telecommunications Division was Wednesday appointed as chair of the commission.

Governor Jennifer Granholm announced Wednesday that Mr. Isiogu succeeds former commissioner, and one-time chair, Laura Chappelle. Mr. Isiogu was also appointed chair of the commission, as was expected for the final appointee to the three-member commission.

Mr. Isiogu, whose appointment is effective September 9 and runs through July 2, 2013, has been head of the Telecommunications Division since June 2003. Prior to that, he was an assistant attorney general from November 1989 to June 2003.

The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Isiogu has been a candidate for the last three appointments to the commission.

"Orji a very good person," said Barry Cargill with the Customer Choice Coalition, a group promoting electric competition. "He has done a lot in telecommunications. We look forward to learning more about his positions relative to electric customer choice."

"We respect his experience in both the Attorney General's Office and the MPSC and we look forward to working with him on energy related issues," said Lorie Kessler with DTE Energy.

Mr. Isiogu earned his law degree and his bachelors of arts degree in political science from Wayne State University.