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## FEC ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN — SETS NEW TERMS FOR OFFICERS

WASHINGTON — John W. McGarry, was elected today to serve a one-year term as Chairman of the Federal Election Commission succeeding Max L. Friedersdorf. Mr. Friedersdorf resigned his seat on the Commission effective Tuesday, December 16.

The FEC members also elected Frank P. Reiche to serve as Vice Chairman.

The end of year election marks a change in Commission procedures. Since the agency's inception in 1975, election of officers has occurred in April, with the one-year rotating Chairmanship running from May 1 to April 30. The Commission today changed the Chairman's term to coincide with a calendar year.

Mr. McGarry, who has served as Vice Chairman of the Commission since May of this year, has been a member of the FEC since October 25, 1978. Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Mr. McGarry served, from 1973-78, as Special Counsel on Elections to the Committee on House Administration in the U.S. House of Representatives. From 1963-73, he combined private law practice with service as Chief Counsel for the House Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures. Mr. McGarry also served as Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts from 1959-62.

A native of Massachusetts, McGarry graduated cum laude from Holy Cross College in Massachusetts in 1952. He subsequently did graduate work at Boston University and obtained a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown Law Center in 1956.

Mr. Reiche became a member of the Commission on July 31, 1979. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, he received an A.B. Degree from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1951, and a L.L.B. Degree from Columbia Law School in 1959. In addition, he holds a M.A. Degree in Foreign Affairs from George Washington University (1959), and a M.A. Degree in Taxation from New York University Law School (1966).

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a partner in the law firm of Smith, Stratton & Wise. Mr. Reiche has been active in a number of civic organizations and Republican Party affairs. He served as a member of New Jersey Governor William T. Cahill's Tax Policy Committee from 1970-72, and was appointed Chairman of the first New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in 1973. From 1977-78, he served as Chairman of the Steering Committee of Interstate Agencies, which led to the organization of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws in December 1978.

McGarry's and Reiche's terms as Commissioners expire in 1983 and 1985, respectively.