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### **PSC Leadership Presented with Patriot Award**

BISMARCK, ND – Public Service Commission (PSC) leadership was today presented with the Patriot Award. The award was presented to Commissioners Randy Christmann, Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Jill Kringstad and PSC Executive Director Brian Johnson at the state capitol.

The Patriot Award is an honor presented by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The award specifically recognizes employers and supervisors who go above and beyond to support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Recipients of the award must be nominated by a Guard or Reserve member. The PSC leadership was nominated by the Commission's Legal Counsel and member of the 68<sup>th</sup> Troop Command of the ND Army National Guard, Major Chris Martens. "My supervisors continue to be supportive of my military service and recognize the importance of the National Guard mission," said Martens. "My supervisors go out of their way to accommodate my military mission and continue to treat me like a valued member of their team."

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(Left to Right): Chris Martens, PSC Legal Counsel; Brian Johnson, PSC Executive Director; Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart; Commissioner Randy Christmann; Commissioner Jill Kringstad; Rob Keller, ESGR State Vice Chair