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**Gov.-Elect Bill Ritter Taps Harris Sherman of Arnold & Porter LLP  
To Head Colorado's Department of Natural Resources**

Denver, Colo., Jan. 4, 2007 – Gov.-Elect Bill Ritter announced today the appointment of Arnold & Porter LLP partner Harris Sherman as the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources for the state of Colorado, a position he previously held from 1974 to 1980. In this position, Mr. Sherman will oversee the state's water, energy, land, wildlife, parks, and wilderness resources. At Arnold & Porter, Mr. Sherman has been actively involved in the firm's environmental practice, focusing on natural resources, energy and water law.

"We are honored that Governor-Elect Ritter has appointed Harris for this important position," said Brian Leitch, head of Arnold & Porter's Denver office. "Harris has provided valuable advice and leadership to our firm and its clients throughout the 27 years that he has been with us. He has contributed greatly to our natural resource, energy and environmental practice areas. We wish him the best in his new position."

Mr. Sherman is a senior partner at Arnold & Porter. He was one of the initial partners who participated in opening Arnold & Porter's Denver office in 1980 and has been with the firm since that time. Mr. Sherman currently serves as a Commissioner on the Denver Water Board, Trustee of the Boettcher Foundation, Chair of the Colorado Chapter of Trust for Public Land, and member of the Colorado Forum. Mr. Sherman had earlier served as Chairman of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, Chairman of the Denver Regional Air Quality Council, Chairman of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, Colorado Commissioner of Mines, Colorado's Representative to the Western States Water Council and National Governors Association, and Trustee of Colorado College. He has an LL.B. from Columbia Law School and a B.A. from Colorado College.

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