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PNC Bank Foundation Administrator Joins Board of Ohio River Foundation

(Cincinnati) February 18- Ohio River Foundation (ORF) is pleased to announce that Mary Alice Koch, Foundation Administrator for the Charitable & Endowment Services Division of PNC Bank, has been elected to the non-profit's Board of Trustees.

"It is an honor to join the board of an organization with the mission of protecting and restoring the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and its tributaries for the health and enjoyment of present and future generations," says Mary Alice of her new position.

Mary Alice has been a member of the Ohio Grantmakers Forum, National Committee on Planned Giving, the Board of the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council - serving as President in 2011. Ms. Koch served on the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for *4C for Children* and The Sisters of Charity (Bayley Place), both local non-profit organizations.

Rich Cogen, Executive Director of Ohio River Foundation commented, "We're excited to welcome Mary Alice to the ORF team. She brings a wealth of experience as we look to grow and expand the foundation's impact in the community and the Ohio River watershed."

Ohio River Foundation is dedicated to protecting and improving the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and all waters in its 11-state watershed. ORF works towards these goals through environmental education and conservation activities that serve to inspire environmental stewardship for the benefit and enjoyment of all current and future citizens.

ORF's key programs are River Explorer (an award winning education program that annually reaches more than 4,000 students per year and more than 12,000 student contact hours with hands-on STEM education) and our Restoration Program which target habitat restoration opportunities throughout the Ohio River Watershed. A featured program within the Restoration Program is the Youth Conservation Teams program - an award winning work-study stewardship program for high school students that is active on local and federal government lands.