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### **U.S. Secretary of Energy Moniz Appoints Dr. Brian Kalk to the National Coal Council**

BISMARCK, ND – Dr. Brian Kalk, Chairman of the North Dakota Public Service Commission and Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (NARUC) Clean Coal Subcommittee, has been appointed to the National Coal Council. He was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Energy, Dr. Ernest Moniz, to represent the views of Public Service Commissions on the Council.

The National Coal Council was chartered in 1984 under the Federal Advisory Committees Act. Its purpose is to inform and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on all matters relating to coal and the coal industry.

Dr. Kalk, a retired Marine officer, said this appointment will allow him to have an impact on the national dialogue about coal's future.

“I am honored to have been chosen by the Secretary of Energy to fill this important position,” said Commissioner Kalk. “As the national discussion continues about pending CO2 rules, it’s critical that the voice of consumers is represented. North Dakota has a huge stake in the future of coal and coal technology. Coal must continue to be an important player in our nation’s energy future.”

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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