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Commissioner Fedorchak Elected President of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak was elected President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) during their annual meeting held in La Quinta, Calif., earlier this month. During her keynote remarks, she unveiled her goals and theme for the upcoming year: “Focused on the Future: State Regulators Leading the Way.”

“I’m excited to help lead this organization at this particular time, because never has the role of State Utility Commissioner been more challenging or consequential to the quality of life, safety and economic health of this nation,” Fedorchak said. “The electricity sector is undergoing a top-to-bottom revolution that will generate unprecedented demand for and dependence on electricity. In the throes of this dynamic time, state regulators must be laser focused on reliability and affordability. These two core principles are the foundation for sustainable power grids on which our citizens, communities and economy depend.”

During her remarks, Fedorchak also announced a new initiative, a joint NARUC-industry effort on Gas Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR). GEAR will bring together regulators, utilities, grid and pipeline operators, producers and suppliers to better coordinate these systems and ensure they are up to the tasks expected of them.

Fedorchak continued, “In my year as President, I want to encourage all of us to think bigger and broader. To seek out the information we need to fully embrace our roles and the impacts our decisions have not just on the future, but right now.”

Fedorchak has served on the Commission since 2013 when she was appointed by Gov. Jack Dalrymple. She was confirmed by the voters in 2014 and was elected to a full six-year term in 2016 and again in 2022. She heads the pipeline, electric transmission and energy conversion siting; gas economic regulation, railroad safety and regulation portfolios and is the state’s liaison to the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) and the Organization of MISO states (OMS). She serves on the advisory board for the Electric Power Research Institute. Fedorchak has held numerous leadership roles including president of the Organization of MISO States (OMS), vice-chair of the NARUC Gas Committee and vice president of the Gas Technology Institute’s advisory board. She is a member of the Aspen Institute’s Rodel Class of 2015.

Founded in 1889, NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions who regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water, and transportation. NARUC's members include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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