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NARUC Reminds Communities to Stay Safe by Calling 811 before Digging
April is National Safe Digging Month

WASHINGTON—National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Travis Kavulla of Montana issued the following statement in recognition of April as National Safe Digging Month:

“I would like to begin our observance of National Safe Digging Month with a simple, life-saving directive: *Call 811*. My State, federal, industry and consumer colleagues understand the power of calling 811 before starting any outdoor project that requires digging. State regulators have a mandate to ensure the safe, reliable and affordable operation of our nation’s utility system, but each of us can play a role keeping our communities safe. Calling 811 a few days before digging can save lives. I urge all policymakers, regulators, industry groups and advocates to join NARUC in promoting our nation’s One-Call services. Using this service can prevent damage to utilities’ underground gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines, which can lead to service disruptions, serious injuries and costly repairs.

“I thank our NARUC members for their efforts throughout the month to actively spread the word and for their ongoing service to their communities. Our State regulators work strategically with utility companies and federal agencies to create proactive measures and develop best practices surrounding this critical issue. However, we can all do more—starting with a simple phone call.”

—*NARUC President Travis Kavulla of Montana*

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