

**Introduction by Bryce Freeman
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I am delighted to have the privilege of introducing Denise Parrish as she receives the Barnich Award and to make a few comments on her behalf. I don't know of anyone who is more deserving of this award than Denise. Denise was nominated for the award by a member of our staff, Dr. Belinda Kolb. Obviously I'm not Dr. Kolb, who unfortunately couldn't be here in person but extends her sincere congratulations to Denise and gratitude to NARUC for selecting Denise as a 2015 recipient of the Barnich Award.

Denise and I have worked together for more than twenty years. During that time Denise has been my supervisor, my mentor, my partner and confidant, and my employee; yes there was some awkwardness in the beginning, in case you are wondering. But mostly, she has been my dear and good friend. Together we have litigated many cases before the Wyoming Commission, contributed to the development of regulatory policy both within and outside Wyoming, and built a consumer advocacy office in Wyoming where none existed before.

Denise has a passion for learning, refining and applying the most well developed regulatory information and best practices for the advancement of professional regulation. But her real passion lies in sharing her accumulated knowledge with others, particularly those who are new to regulation, in Wyoming, across the country and around the world. She is indeed an asset to the utility customers of Wyoming that I am pleased to share with all of you.

I had hoped to share Denise's professional accomplishments and accolades with you this afternoon, but when Erin informed me that I had minutes and not hours to make this introduction I decided against it. Many of you know Denise and I'm sure you will join with me in giving her a hearty round of applause; I give you Denise Parrish.