

**Introduction by David Boyd
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**Terry Barnich Award Ceremony
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

It was an honor and privilege to nominate Bill Smith for the Terry Barnich Award, a task that was very easy to do and very difficult at the same time. The task was easy because of Bill's many years of service to NARUC and USAID international events with the Iowa Utilities Board and with the Organization of MISO States. Bill's most recent contributions to the Black Sea Regulatory Initiative are quite typical of his dedication to improving international regulation. Bill's depth of knowledge and dedication are on display three or four times per year as he devotes significant time to in-depth discussions and preparation of materials in advance of the meetings, making masterful presentations and engaging our partners in dialogue and debate, and using his significant communication and diplomatic skills to yield meaningful and measurable results. The project has advanced the six partners, as a group, in areas like renewable energy, energy efficiency, and cross border trade in a manner that is well documented, as evidenced by presentations made earlier today. The difficult part of this task was describing Bill's qualifications in just a few words!

Bill Smith's contributions to international regulation are in the spirit embodied by Terry Barnich, a devoted public servant like Bill. It has been my pleasure to share this work with Bill. I congratulate him on his exemplary record to date, and look forward to the work that is to come.