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NARUC Statements on FCC's O'Rielly Appointment to Federal-State Boards

WASHINGTON – The Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai has appointed FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly to serve as the chairman of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services. As these appointments are very significant for ongoing state and federal interactions, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has issued the statements that follow:

"NARUC members are facing a range of telecommunications issues across the country. We congratulate Commissioner O'Rielly on this appointment and look forward to forging a collegial relationship as we work together to create viable solutions."

—Hon. Paul Kjellander of Idaho, Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications

"We look forward to working with Commissioner O'Rielly. Balancing federal and state needs and interests is crucial to provide effective telecommunications service to communities and rural areas throughout the country."

—Hon. Chris Nelson of South Dakota, NARUC Representative to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

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NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of State public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government.