

**Remarks by Anne Hoskins
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Terry Barnich Award Ceremony

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Good afternoon and welcome to the International Relations Committee and to the Terry Barnich Award ceremony.

The annual Award for Promoting International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation acknowledges important contributions made by an outstanding NARUC commissioner or staff member who has dedicated his or her time, energy, and expertise to furthering regulatory best practices in a global environment. We honor members who have made significant contributions not just during that particular year, but who also have a history of strong involvement in NARUC's international activities. I would like to recognize our past recipients: former Commissioner Kevin Gunn, MO (2011), former Commissioner David Boyd, MN (2012), former commission staff Kim Wissman, OH (2013) and Denise Parrish, WY, and Bill Smith, formerly of the Organization of MISO States (joint 2014).

The Terry Barnich Award is an important tool for promoting and recognizing work of NARUC membership on international regulatory issues and for improving the understanding of good policy-making and regulatory practices. This award honors former Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (1989 to 1992) Terrence "Terry" Barnich, who was killed on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, while working as the Deputy Director of the State Department office overseeing U.S. reconstruction projects in Iraq. He was a dedicated public servant and an engaged NARUC member. It recognizes regulators who, like Terry Barnich, go the extra step, and who take personal responsibility for providing information in a peer-to-peer manner that is useful to our foreign counterparts.

It is my honor to name Commissioner Paul J. Roberti as the recipient of the 2015 Terry Barnich Award and to introduce NARUC's Second Vice President, Jack Betkoski, to present this award to Commissioner Roberti.