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## **Washington UTC Chairman David Danner Appointed Chair of NARUC Committee on International Relations**

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Travis Kavulla of Montana has named Chairman David W. Danner of Washington as Chair of NARUC's Committee on International Relations.

As Committee chair, Chairman Danner will also join NARUC's Board of Directors.

Chairman Danner is replacing Commissioner Anne Hoskins of Maryland, who recently left the Maryland Commission. Commissioners Kenneth C. Hill of Tennessee and Commissioner Murray E. Doehler of Nova Scotia will remain co-vice chairs.

Established in 1996, the Committee on International Relations supports NARUC's outreach activities across the globe, including partnerships with numerous countries in Eurasia, Africa, Asia and Latin America. With the trend of energy market development expanding overseas, several countries have sought help and best practices from their American counterparts.

"The international utility regulatory community is increasingly interconnected, as we seek concrete responses to common challenges and opportunities," said President Kavulla.

"Chairman Danner's leadership will help ensure that the Committee on International Relations continues to facilitate meaningful dialogues on innovative regulatory approaches and lead peer-to-peer regulatory programs worldwide. We are grateful for our partnerships with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of State, which help create these important opportunities. I would also like to thank Immediate Past Chair Anne Hoskins for her excellent service to the Committee."

"I have actively participated on the International Committee and in NARUC's international programs, and I see firsthand the value they provide," Chairman Danner said. "I look forward to working with the Committee and NARUC leadership so that the global regulatory community can continue to share ideas, compare best practices and promote understanding and collaboration."

Chairman Danner was appointed to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in February 2013, for a term that runs through 2018. Along with serving on the Committee on International Relations, Commissioner Danner is a member of NARUC's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute.

He holds a B.A. from Columbia University, an M.A. in communications from the University of Washington and a J.D. from George Washington University.

NARUC's eight standing committees propose resolutions that, if approved by the Board of Directors, set Association policy on congressional, federal, and industry matters. The committees, populated by state public service commissioners, also hold educational sessions and panel discussions on relevant issues to best serve NARUC members. Committee chairs are appointed by the NARUC President for a one-year term and may be reappointed for a maximum of three consecutive terms.

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