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Colorado PUC Chairman Ackermann Tapped to Chair NARUC Committee on **Energy Resources and the Environment**

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WASHINGTON—National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Nick Wagner has appointed Colorado Public Utilities Commission Chairman Jeffrey P. Ackermann as chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. Ackermann assumes the role held by Nancy Lange, formerly of the Minnesota Public Service Commission.

Ackermann was appointed Chairman of the Colorado PUC January 9, 2017, by Governor John Hickenlooper to a four-year term. Prior to his appointment, he served as executive director of the Colorado Energy Office. Ackermann has more than three decades of experience in state government and the energy sector. He led research efforts at the PUC, focusing on issues ranging from electric system planning to the regulatory implications of emerging technologies, and also served as an advisor to the commissioners on energy efficiency.

His professional career began in the service of low-income energy consumers, serving twice as director of the state's energy efficiency assistance program, as well as an advocate for energy consumers with the state's nonprofit energy assistance fund. He holds a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree in non-profit management from Regis University.

"The Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment has a focus that is very important to me. ERE works to interpret the changing circumstances affecting energy utilities and the implications for continued effective regulation," said Ackermann. "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this committee."

"Chairman Ackermann has the experience, background and skills to make him an ideal leader of this committee, which serves to educate our members on environmentally sustainable and affordable energy services," said Wagner.

Committee and subcommittee chairs are appointed by the NARUC President for a term of one year and may be reappointed for a maximum of three consecutive terms.

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