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Wisconsin Commissioner Nieto Named as New Chair of NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

Other Appointments Made to NARUC Board of Directors, Investment Board and
EPRI Advisory Board

WASHINGTON (June 25, 2026) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Ann Rendahl has named Commissioner Kristy Nieto of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as the new chair of the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest. Nieto replaces Commissioner Zenon Christodoulou, whose term on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is set to expire soon.

Nieto, who has served as co-vice chair of the committee, was appointed to the Wisconsin commission in 2024. She also serves on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and served previously as a Wisconsin representative on the NARUC-NASEO Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative and the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning. Nieto was a former administrator of the Wisconsin commission's Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis and much of her previous state work focused on consumer protection. She holds a bachelor's degree from Hamline University in St. Paul in Spanish and Writing, and a master's degree from UW–Madison in Spanish Literature and Linguistics.

“Commissioner Nieto’s extensive background in consumer issues and previous role on the committee will ensure both a seamless transition and provide the leadership needed to help identify and address the myriad concerns of utility consumers and regulators alike,” said Rendahl. “We greatly appreciate the previous leadership service of Commissioner Christodoulou.”

Rendahl, who serves on the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, has also appointed Commissioner Floyd B. McKissick Jr. of the North Carolina Utilities Commission to the Board of Directors, Commissioner Lea Márquez Peterson of the Arizona Corporation Commission to the Investment Committee Board and Maine Public Utilities Commission Chairman Philip L. Bartlett II to the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute.

McKissick, who served previously on the board as the former chair of the NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest, was re-appointed to fill the seat of Chair Hayley Williamson of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, whose NARUC board term expired. McKissick’s NARUC service includes co-chairing the NARUC-NASEO Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative.

Márquez Peterson is also a member of the NARUC Board of Directors as chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Research. Her appointment to the Investment Committee Board fills the seat of Williamson, who served on the committee.

Bartlett is also a board member and serves on the Federal-State Current Issues Collaborative. His appointment to EPRI's Advisory Council to the Board of Directors fills the unexpired term held previously by Commissioner-Emeritus Michael Caron (Connecticut), which runs through August 2026. Upon completion of the partial term, Bartlett is eligible for appointment to a full term.

"These leadership positions play a substantive role in shaping, directing and representing a wide breadth of NARUC's interests and activities," said Rendahl. "Commissioners McKissick, Márquez Peterson and Chairman Bartlett are uniquely qualified for their appointed roles, and the Association commends each of them for their continued service. Likewise, we appreciate the leadership of Chair Williamson for her service to NARUC and its members."

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