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## Industry Leaders Tapped for NARUC Gas-Electric Working Group

**WASHINGTON** (December 13, 2023) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Julie Fedorchak has named the industry representatives to serve on the Association’s new Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability initiative.

As NARUC has [noted previously](#), GEAR will convene state regulators and industry representatives working collaboratively to develop solutions to better align the gas and electric industries to maintain and improve the reliability of both energy systems.

The industry representatives serving on GEAR are listed below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Mike Bryson	Senior Vice President of Operations	PJM	RTO
Mike Calviou	Group Head of Regulatory Strategy	National Grid	Electric Utility
Tina Faraca	Executive Vice President/President, US Natural Gas Pipelines	TC Energy	Interstate Pipelines
William Mojica	Senior Vice President, Gas & Electric Technical Services and Asset Risk Management	NiSource	Gas Utility
Chris Moser	Head of Competitive Markets and Policy	NRG	IPP
Rob Perkins	Vice President, Gas Control East	KinderMorgan	Intrastate Pipelines
Ben Schoene	Director, Commercial NG Regulatory Affairs	ConocoPhillips	Gas Producer

Fedorchak emphasized that in the past, the gas and electric systems worked largely independently but as gas is used more for electricity generation, the demand for coordination increases significantly.

“The gas and electric industries power our nation. GEAR will take the numerous existing studies that identify the major gaps between these industries and work on solutions to close those gaps and reduce friction points so both systems can serve customers reliably,” she said. “We have assembled a team of experts who have been in the trenches on these issues for years and can effectively speak for their sector. I really appreciate their readiness to be a part of this important initiative and I look forward to their work.”

The group will develop solutions to better align the gas and electric industries to maintain and improve the reliability of both electricity and gas systems and will recommend actions to address specific problems identified by numerous reports, including: the North American Energy Standards Board Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum, the Reliability Alliance Report (developed by the Natural Gas Supply Association, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America and Electric Power Supply Association), the North American Electric Reliability Council and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's analyses of Storms Uri and Elliott. GEAR will provide updates at the 2024 NARUC Annual Meeting and Education Conference and offer a set of recommendations at the 2025 Winter Policy Summit.

Commissioners leading GEAR are Georgia Commissioner Tricia Pridemore as chair, New Hampshire Commissioner Carleton Simpson as vice chair and at-large members, Texas Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty, Kansas Commissioner Dwight D. Keen, Arizona Commissioner Lea Márquez Peterson, Michigan Commissioner Daniel Scripps and Minnesota Chair Katie Sieben.

To learn more about GEAR, see the official charter at [bit.ly/3Ram9fR](https://bit.ly/3Ram9fR).

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