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Missouri Commissioner Maida Coleman Appointed as Chair of the NARUC Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity

WASHINGTON (March 19, 2024) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Julie Fedorchak has appointed Commissioner Maida Coleman, of the Missouri Public Service Commission, as the new chairman of the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity. She succeeds Virginia State Corporation Commission Judge Jehmal Hudson, who now chairs the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment.

The Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity promotes inclusion and prudent, competitive procurement practices to advance opportunities for women, minority and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in utility supply markets. The Select Committee also aims to strengthen relationships that provide mutual economic benefits for ratepayers, investors and disadvantaged business enterprises.

Commissioner Coleman has served at the Missouri PSC since 2015. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Missouri Workforce Investment Board at the Missouri Department of Economic Development and from 2001 until 2008, she served first as a state representative and then as state senator from St. Louis, becoming the first African-American woman in state history to serve as Senate Minority Leader. Commissioner Coleman previously held management level positions at the Missouri Secretary of State and the St. Louis Housing Authority. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of Heat-Up/Cool-Down St. Louis. She holds a B.A. in Journalism from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis.

“I am honored to support NARUC and look forward to helping lift up the important mission of the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity through strategic collaborations, webinars that inform and engage the regulatory community and resources for our members,” said Coleman.

“Commissioner Coleman has served in various leadership capacities for NARUC, such as chairing our Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest and sitting on the Board of Directors,” said Fedorchak. “She brings an excellent background on workforce, regulatory and economic issues that will make her an excellent chair of this committee. We are also grateful to Judge Jehmal Hudson for his previous leadership and vision.”

Learn more about the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity at NARUC’s website, bit.ly/NARUCSelectCommittee.

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NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.