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## **NARUC Responds to ASCE Infrastructure Report Card**

### *Failing Grade is a Wake-up Call for Action*

WASHINGTON—National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President, Robert Powelson, of Pennsylvania, issued the following statement in response to the newly released 2017 *Infrastructure Report Card* from the American Society of Civil Engineers:

“On behalf of NARUC and its members, the state of this country’s infrastructure is near a crisis level. The D+ grade should serve as a wakeup call that we must attend to the condition of America’s drinking water, energy and wastewater, all of which are essential to our individual and collective health, well-being and prosperity. NARUC’s members regulate these critical areas of our infrastructure and we support ASCE’s call for more investment, innovation and planning. We are committed to redirecting the course of our failing national infrastructure.

“We hope to bring members of ASCE into our national dialogue this year, which is focused squarely on infrastructure, innovation and investment. As public servants, we need to work collectively with stakeholder groups and businesses to invest the time and money to develop effective solutions that serve the public interest and safety. This will be a long-term effort, and we are prepared to create the 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure that this country needs and deserves.”

—NARUC President Robert F. Powelson

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### **About NARUC**

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.