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NARUC Reminds Citizens that Outdoor Projects Start with a Call
April is Safe Digging Month: Outdoor Projects Begin with 811

WASHINGTON—In recognition of Safe Digging Month, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has issued the following statements:

“Many of us look forward to warmer temperatures to engage in outdoor projects. However, unforeseen problems often occur when underground lines are hit accidentally, causing physical injuries and property damage. Therefore, NARUC is pleased to join state, federal, industry and consumer colleagues in urging everyone to dial 811 before starting any outdoor project that requires digging. Safety is a priority for NARUC and its members, who work strategically with stakeholders to educate our communities and develop best practices.”

—*NARUC President John Betkoski III*
Vice Chair, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

“Most people are unaware of the millions of miles of pipeline in the United States. As state utility regulators, it’s imperative to increase awareness surrounding the dangers associated with hitting buried pipeline. Every state has an 811 One-Call service, which helps prevent damage to underground gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines. We can all help ensure the safety of our communities by calling 811 a few days before digging to avoid service disruptions, serious injuries and costly repairs.”

—*Commissioner Diane X. Burman, New York State Public Service Commission*
Chair, NARUC Committee on Gas

NARUC and its member commissions are engaged in the month-long awareness campaign by encouraging safe digging in their communities.

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.

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