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National Council on Electricity Policy Welcomes North Carolina Utilities Commissioner Brown-Bland as New Vice President

New Executive Committee Members Installed

WASHINGTON (August 2, 2019) — The National Council on Electricity Policy—the nation’s only stakeholder organization that supports all state-level decision-makers involved in electricity policy—elected Commissioner ToNola Brown-Bland, of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, as its new vice president.

NCEP also welcomed Ted Thomas, Arkansas Public Service Commission; Upendra Chivikula, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; Eric Koch, Indiana State Senate; and Baker Allen, Office of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, to its Executive Committee.

"State legislatures across the nation are dealing with rapid changes going on within the power sector," said Indiana State Senator Eric Koch. "As a marketplace of ideas, NCEP brings enormous value to those state policy decisions."

"Our executive committee is stronger with the addition of these members in their new roles," said NCEP President and NARUC Second Vice President Paul Kjellander. "We look forward to working with them as we prepare for our annual meeting." NCEP will be meeting in Austin, Texas, September 11-12, 2019, for their Annual Meeting on Transmission, Distribution, and Customer Systems Coordination.

NCEP convenes state officials from public utility commissions, environmental and air agencies, state energy offices, gubernatorial offices and consumer advocate offices, as well as legislators and legislative staff. These experts provide a variety of perspectives that inform high-quality discussions on state electricity policy.

The organization also facilitates training and education programs, conferences, seminars, webinars and podcasts on such topics as transmission siting and pricing policy, alignment of energy resource development at the transmission and distribution levels and valuation of electricity resources across the generation, transmission and distribution system.

NCEP programs are free of charge for state officials and staff and are supported by the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information, visit www.electricitypolicy.org.

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About NCEP

The National Council on Energy Policy is a project of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. It is the only national stakeholder organization that supports all state-level decision-makers involved in electricity policy. It serves as a marketplace of ideas on electricity issues. Its goals are to improve the understanding of electricity technologies, markets, programs and policies; support the deployment of reliable, clean and reasonably-priced electricity; improve interstate and intra-state coordination on electricity issues; provide technical assistance to states, regions, and multiple stakeholders; and conduct planning and coordination activities in support of the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council. Learn more about NCEP at www.electricitypolicy.org.

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.