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NARUC Appoints Maine PUC Chairman Philip Bartlett to Board of Directors and Rhode Island PUC Chairman Ron Gerwatowski to Executive Committee

WASHINGTON (November 25, 2025) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointments of Chairman Philip L. Bartlett II of the Maine Public Utilities Commission to the Board of Directors and Chairman Ron Gerwatowski of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission to the Executive Committee.

Bartlett was appointed to the Maine PUC in June 2019. He served in the Maine Senate from 2004 to 2012 and was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Bartlett chaired the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, as well as the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future and he served on the Government Oversight Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Labor Committee. He taught micro and macroeconomics at the collegiate level. Bartlett holds a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School and completed his undergraduate work at Tufts University, where he majored in economics and political science. Bartlett replaces a seat left by former Hawaii Public Utilities Commission Chairman Leodoloff R. Asuncion Jr.

Gerwatowski was appointed to the Rhode Island PUC as chairman in June 2020. He has worked in the utility and energy industry for more than 30 years and has been a guest lecturer in an environmental economics class at the University of Rhode Island on small-scale renewable energy systems. As a member of NARUC's Executive Committee, he also has a seat on the board. He serves on the Board of Managers of the New England States Committee on Electricity as a co-manager for the State of Rhode Island. He previously served as Assistant Secretary of Energy in Massachusetts. Gerwatowski graduated from Boston College Law School, where he served as managing editor of the *Boston College Law Review*. Gerwatowski replaces outgoing Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Commissioner Michael Caron.

"It was my pleasure to appoint Commissioners Bartlett and Gerwatowski to these leadership roles, as they each bring a host of relevant, practical experience and thoughtful approaches to utility regulation," said NARUC President Ann Rendahl of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. "We are grateful for the service and commitment of Commissioners Asuncion and Caron and wish them much success in their future endeavors."

NARUC board members serve four-year terms and oversee the Association's general and financial functions and also approve resolutions that serve as the Association's policy.

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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.