

Resolution Honoring Illinois Commerce Commission Chair Carrie Zalewski

Whereas Carrie Zalewski was appointed to Chairman the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) by Governor JB Pritzker in 2019;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski helped guide the implementation of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) to improve Illinois' power grid planning, putting the state on the path to meeting its clean energy goals and creating new, equitable employment opportunities along the way;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski led the ICC during the COVID-19 public health emergency and within days put protections in place ensuring that customers sheltering in place would not lose critical electric, natural gas, water, and sewer service.

Whereas Chairman Zalewski directed the creation of the Citizen's Guide to the ICC and helped to educate and inform consumers on topics ranging from utility assistance to tips to follow before hiring a household goods mover;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Organization of MISO States where she advocated for market reform in the capacity market along with fair cost allocation in long-range transmission planning;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Organization of PJM States to support the implementation of FERC Order 2222 to improve the integration of smart grid technologies, distributed energy resources, and demand response in electricity markets as an important way to meet resource adequacy in Illinois;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served as Chair for NARUC's First Chair Council and led various regional conversations on the importance of learning from peers in the energy and regulatory worlds;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski was appointed to the Climate Registry's Council of Jurisdictions, the Advisory Board for the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, the Illinois Cybersecurity Commission, and the Illinois Hydrogen Taskforce;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Illinois Pollution Control Board for 10 years to help decide complex environmental cases under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and work to properly balance the interests of Illinois businesses and residents while protecting Illinois' land, air, and water.

Whereas Chairman Zalewski was appointed under both Democratic and Republican governors and earned the respect of her peers and stakeholders directly involved in Board decisions;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski earned her Juris Doctor at the Chicago-Kent Law School and her Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski will be remembered at the ICC, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service; *Whereas* Chairman Zalewski has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Illinois for more than 17 years including over four years of service at the Commission; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit, congratulate former ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski on her tenure at the Illinois Commerce Commission, thank her for her leadership and friendship, and wish her the best in his future endeavors.

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