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NARUC Congratulates FERC Chairman Willie L. Phillips on His Appointment as Permanent Chair

WASHINGTON (February 13, 2024) — In response to the announcement of President Biden's appointment of Willie L. Phillips, Jr. as chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Julie Fedorchak has issued this statement:

"On behalf of NARUC, I am very pleased to congratulate Chairman Phillips on this well-deserved appointment. As acting chair, he has continued to foster important, collaborative engagement between FERC and NARUC. We appreciate his leadership in furthering the necessary discussions that are necessary to ensure a more reliable grid for this country. His background as a state regulator, no doubt, continues to inform and balance his leadership. We look forward to working with Chairman Phillips and his team in his new role."

Chairman Phillips served previously as the chair of the Public Service Commission of the District of the Columbia, which is a NARUC member state agency. He served on the NARUC Board of Directors and chaired the NARUC Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity. In 2021, FERC established the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission with NARUC to formally explore transmission-related topics.

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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.