

II. MOTION TO INTERVENE

NARUC is the national organization of the state commissions responsible for economic and safety regulation of the retail operations of utilities. NARUC's members have the obligation under state law to ensure the establishment and maintenance of such energy utility services as may be required by the public convenience and necessity, as well as ensuring that those services are provided at just and reasonable rates. NARUC's members include the government agencies in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands charged with regulating the rates, terms, and conditions of service associated with the intrastate operations of electric, natural gas, water, and telephone utilities. Both Congress³ and the federal courts⁴ have long recognized NARUC as the proper party to represent the collective interests of state regulatory commissions. In the Establishing Order, the Commission requested that NARUC submit nominations for state public utility commissioners to participate on the task force and this filing complies with that request.

III. NOMINATIONS

NARUC appreciates the Commission's efforts at engaging in cooperative federalism by establishing the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission and we agree that "the

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 410(c) (1971) (Congress designated NARUC to nominate members of Federal-State Joint Boards to consider issues of concern to both the Federal Communications Commission and State regulators with respect to universal service, separations, and related concerns); Cf., 47 U.S.C. § 254 (1996) (describing functions of the Joint Federal-State Board on Universal Service). Cf. *NARUC, et al. v. ICC*, 41 F.3d 721 (D.C. Cir. 1994) (where the Court explains "[c]arriers, to get the cards, applied to . . . [NARUC], an interstate umbrella organization that, as envisioned by Congress, played a role in drafting the regulations that the ICC issued to create the 'bingo card' system").

⁴ See *United States v. Southern Motor Carrier Rate Conference, Inc.*, 467 F. Supp. 471 (N.D. Ga. 1979), *aff'd* 672 F.2d 469 (5th Cir. 1982), *aff'd en banc on reh'g*, 702 F.2d 532 (5th Cir. 1983), *rev'd on other grounds*, 471 U.S. 48 (1985).

area is ripe for greater federal-state coordination and cooperation.”⁵ The task force will address important issues related to electric transmission that affect both state and federal authority and our respective regulatory processes. NARUC members are actively engaged in these issues and are eager to work collaboratively with the Commission and each other to explore potential solutions and new approaches.

NARUC received a high level of interest in the task force from members and had the great fortune to have more qualified applicants than openings available. NARUC is honored to nominate the following ten state commissioners, representing the five NARUC regions, to serve on the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission:

MACRUC: Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners

- Chair Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- Chair Jason Stanek, Maryland Public Service Commission

MARC: Mid-America Regulatory Conference

- Chair Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission
- Chair Dan Scripps, Michigan Public Service Commission

NECPUC: New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners

- Commissioner Riley Allen, Vermont Public Utility Commission
- Chair Matthew Nelson, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

SEARUC: Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

- Commissioner Kimberly Duffley, North Carolina Utilities Commission
- Chair Ted Thomas, Arkansas Public Service Commission

Western: Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners

- Commissioner Kristine Raper, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, California Public Utilities Commission

⁵ Establishing Order at 1.

We are encouraging all our members to support the work of the task force, whether it is by participating directly or by participating in the task force meetings and engaging with it in other ways.

IV. CONCLUSION

NARUC thanks the Commission again for establishing the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission. We look forward to working with you on these important issues over the next several years.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC: July 19, 2021

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