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**NARUC Statement on Labor Day 2020**

WASHINGTON (**September 7, 2020**) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has issued the following statement in observance of Labor Day:

*Labor Day marks a well-deserved observance of the hard work and value contributed by workers across the country. NARUC is particularly grateful for the efforts of its members and those engaged in public service.*

*This year, however, we are even more cognizant of the essential workers who continue to provide vital services in the midst of a global pandemic. Along with COVID-19, natural disasters and wildfires have hit many areas of the country, leaving countless communities in need of power, shelter, and other services. Helping each other in a time of need underscores everything that's right about our country.*

*We know that many businesses have shuttered or have laid off staff who desperately want to return to work — we look forward to the time when our nation returns to a sense of normalcy.*

*Finally, we want to say thank you to our state members (some of whom have furlough days), who have adapted to unconventional schedules and working conditions, yet still provide exceptional service on behalf of their communities.*

*Not everyone who works can enjoy a holiday on Labor Day, yet everyone reaps the benefit of our American workforce.*

Brandon Presley, President  
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners  
Commissioner, Mississippi Public Service Commission

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**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.*