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Virginia Commissioner Jehmal Hudson Appointed as Chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

WASHINGTON (January 10, 2024) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Julie Fedorchak has appointed Judge Jehmal Hudson, chairman of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, as the new chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment.

Often referred to as ERE, the committee serves as a venue for state regulators to discuss ways to provide utility customers with environmentally sustainable and affordable energy services. The group focuses on energy efficiency, renewable and distributed resources, consumer protection, low-income weatherization and assistance, along with public interest research and development.

Hudson, who replaces Rhode Island Commissioner Abigail Anthony, has served at the Virginia SCC since 2020. He was the vice president of government affairs at the National Hydropower Association and spent 10 years managing public policy issues at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has served as the chair of NARUC's Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity, sits on the NARUC Board of Directors and is second vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners. Hudson also represents Virginia as a member of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. He earned his B.A. from Adelphi University, his J.D. from Vermont Law School and his LL.M. in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I am truly honored for the opportunity to chair this important committee," said Hudson. "NARUC is at its best when there is the sharing of information and the sharing of dialogue among state regulators as we all face some of the toughest challenges in energy today. I look forward to leading discussions on the challenges and solutions involved in the energy transition while ensuring affordability and reliability for consumers."

"Judge Hudson has an immense depth of knowledge and experience needed to lead the ERE Committee," said Fedorchak. "He has expertly led the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity and will, no doubt, do the same for ERE. We also appreciate the committed leadership of Commissioner Abigail Anthony, who facilitated and encouraged important discussions surrounding energy efficiency and other issues of the energy transition."

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