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NARUC Submits Nominees to New FERC-NARUC Current Issues Collaborative

WASHINGTON (July 22, 2024) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has submitted its list of nominees to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on the new Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative. The new Collaborative is intended to expand on the body of work from the last three years of the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission.

As noted in FERC’s March 21 statement, the Collaborative “will provide a venue for federal and state regulators to share perspectives, improve understanding and, where appropriate, identify potential solutions regarding challenges and coordination on matters that affect specific state and federal regulatory jurisdictions. Potential topics include exploring where best to coordinate between state and federal regulators on issues ranging from electric reliability and resource adequacy to natural gas-electric coordination, wholesale and retail markets, new technologies and innovations, and infrastructure.”

NARUC received nearly 30 applications from state commissioners for 10 positions on the Collaborative. The nominees that follow represent each of the five NARUC regions across the United States:

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners

- Vice Chair Kimberly M. Barrow, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- Commissioner Dennis P. Deters, Ohio Public Utilities Commission

Mid-America Regulatory Conference

- Chairman Jim Huston, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Commissioner Katherine Peretick, Michigan Public Service Commission

New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners

- Chairman Philip L. Bartlett, II, Maine Public Service Commission
- Commissioner Pradip Chattopadhyay, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

- Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley, North Carolina Utilities
- Commissioner Art Graham, Florida Public Service Commission

Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners

- Commissioner Eric Anderson, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Chair Patrick O’Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

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“This Collaborative is an important and necessary step in continuing constructive dialogues between federal and state regulators,” said NARUC President Julie Fedorchak. “Challenging issues such as resource adequacy, natural gas-electric coordination and infrastructure are among the matters facing state commissions.”

The next step in the process is for FERC to accept and officially appoint the state commissioner participants from NARUC’s list of nominees. Appointed participants will serve one-year terms that can be renewed for a total of three years. FERC plans to convene its first meeting in the fall.

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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.