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NARUC Announces New Leadership Appointments

Changes Affect Board of Directors, Committees and Subcommittees

WASHINGTON (January 15, 2026) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Ann Rendahl has announced several new appointments across the Association's Board of Directors, committees and subcommittees. District of Columbia Public Service Commission Chairman Emile Thompson was named chair of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Massachusetts Commissioner Staci Rubin was appointed to the Board of Directors, North Dakota Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart will serve as vice chair of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, Wisconsin Commissioner Kristy Nieto is the new co-vice chair of the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Press Secretary Nils Hagen-Frederiksen was appointed as chair of the Staff Subcommittee for Public Information Officers.

Thompson served previously as the Critical Infrastructure Committee's vice chair and assumes the role held by outgoing Florida Commissioner Andrew Fay. He was appointed to the PSC in 2021 and confirmed as chairman in 2022. Thompson was a former Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, serving as a Deputy Chief. He has also served on the D.C. Water Board of Directors. For NARUC, he sits on the Board of Directors; served as a prior co-chair of the Commission Chairs Council; is a member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; and serves on the Advisory Board of the Financial Research Institute, the Critical Consumer Issues Forum and the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute Board of Directors. Thompson is also a past president of the Organization of PJM States, Inc.

He graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in Computer Science and earned his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. He is an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law.

Rubin was appointed to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in April 2023. She worked previously at the Conservation Law Foundation as the Vice President, Environmental Justice. Prior to CLF, Rubin served as a senior counsel and hearing officer at the DPU, where she specialized in distributed generation and public records matters. She also served as the senior attorney and director of the Environmental Justice Legal Services program at Alternatives for Community & Environment, Inc. She has taught Energy Law and Policy at Northeastern University School of Law.

She earned a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law, a Master of Public Health degree from Tufts University School of Medicine, a Master of Environmental Law and Policy degree from Vermont Law School and an undergraduate degree from New York University.

Haugen-Hoffart was appointed to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in 2022. She serves on NARUC's Board of Directors, is Vice President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference Board and sits on the Advisory Council of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum. She also chairs the Advisory Council of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. Haugen-Hoffart was elected to the Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative in 2010 and became chair in 2020. She previously chaired the Board of Central Power Electric Cooperative, a wholesale power supply and transmission cooperative serving six member co-ops, including Capital Electric.

She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota and a master's degree in management from the University of Mary and serves on the Board of Directors for the University of North Dakota Alumni Association and Foundation.

Nieto was appointed to the Wisconsin Commission on February 3, 2024. She served previously in a variety of roles at the PSC for more than a decade and held administrator roles for several agencies: the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis; the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs; deputy administrator of the PSC's business operations division; and director of the Consumer Affairs Bureau. She also managed the bilingual consumer protection program for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

She is a member of NARUC's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and represents Wisconsin on the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning. She previously served as a Wisconsin representative on the NARUC Advanced Nuclear States Collaborative.

Nieto holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Writing from Hamline University in St. Paul and a master's degree from UW-Madison in Spanish Literature and Linguistics.

Hagen-Frederiksen joined the PAPUC in 2015, where he leads external communications, media relations and strategic messaging on complex energy, utility and consumer-protection issues. He brings extensive senior-level experience in public-sector and nonprofit communications, along with an equally deep background as a journalist and newsroom leader. An award-winning agency communications leader and reporter, Hagen-Frederiksen has advised senior officials on crisis response, regulatory transparency and public engagement at state, national and international levels. He holds a BA in political science from the University of Pennsylvania.

"We welcome these commissioners into their new leadership roles to guide the increasingly challenging issues surrounding the nation's public utilities and we thank their predecessors for their outstanding work and dedication," said President Rendahl. "Collectively, their depth of knowledge and experience will be instrumental in guiding the work of our committees and our Board of Directors. Also important is the work undertaken by our state public information officers and we are grateful that Nils Hagen-Frederiksen has stepped into this role."

NARUC's eight standing committees propose resolutions that, if approved by the Board of Directors, set Association policy on congressional, federal and industry matters. The committees, populated by state public service commissioners, also hold educational sessions and panel discussions on relevant issues to best serve NARUC members.

The Board consists of 20 members, plus the Association's president, the first and second vice presidents, and each past president who is still an active NARUC member. The chair of each

standing committee is also a member of the Board. Members are appointed by the current NARUC president and serve four-year terms. As the supervisory body, the Board oversees the Association's general and financial functions and approves resolutions that serve as the Association's policy. A complete list of the NARUC Board of Directors is available online at bit.ly/NARUCBoard.

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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.