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NARUC and State Utility Commissioners Encourage ‘A Day of Utility Service’ on MLK Day

Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve

WASHINGTON (January 17, 2025) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and public utility commissions across the nation encourage members of the public to observe MLK Day on January 20 as a day of community and utility service. It has been NARUC’s tradition since 2008, when the Association passed a resolution honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to recognize the day as ‘A Day of Utility Service.’

The slogan, *Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve*, is based on the resolution, which states, in part:

*RESOLVED, That Americans are encouraged to turn down the thermostat, weatherize their homes, change their incandescent light bulbs to energy efficient bulbs and install water-saving devices; and be it further
RESOLVED, That Americans should take these utility initiatives not only in their homes, but throughout their communities.*

Because MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities, NARUC recommends that people find and engage in utility-related community service projects, find ways to help their neighbors or promote and practice energy conservation.

“Service is a vital thread that holds our communities together and makes them stronger,” said NARUC President Tricia Pridemore of the Georgia Public Service Commission. “We encourage individuals to use this day as an opportunity to discover how to make tangible connections in their communities through service.”

The resolution designating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a Utility Day of Service was adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors at the Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., on February 20, 2008. The resolution is available at bit.ly/NARUCMLKDAY. Follow NARUC and related social media posts for MLK Day using the hashtags #MLKDAY, #DayOn and #UtilityService.

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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.