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Mississippi Commission Chair Presley Appointed to NARUC's Board of Directors

WASHINGTON—National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President John Betkoski III has appointed Mississippi Public Service Commission Chair <u>Brandon Presley</u> to the NARUC Board of Directors.

Chairman Presley was elected to the Mississippi PSC in 2007 and then re-elected in 2011 and 2015. Presley is also the former mayor of Nettleton, Miss., having served from 2002 to 2007. His leadership experience includes serving as the vice chair of NARUC's Natural Gas Access and Expansion Task Force and he also serves on the association's Committee on Gas and Committee on International Relations. He was president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, served on the board of directors for the National Regulatory Research Institute and is the immediate past chairman of NARUC's Consumer Affairs Committee. He currently serves on the advisory committee for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities.

"I am quite pleased to welcome Chairman Presley, as he will be a strong asset to the NARUC Board. His record of leadership and commitment to NARUC members is both impressive and substantive," said President Betkoski. "Moreover, he takes a thoughtful, reasoned approach to serving the public interest."

"I am honored and excited to be appointed to serve as member on the NARUC Board of Directors," said Chairman Presley. "NARUC's nationwide mission of improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation is vitally important to America as the industry changes and meets future and present. I thank my friend, President Jack Betkoski for this leadership role on the NARUC Board in this important time in the public utility industry."

The NARUC Board consists of the president, the first vice president, the second vice president, each past president who is an active member and 20 other active members representing state commissions. Presley's term expires in October 2018; however, he may be reappointed by NARUC's Executive Committee.

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