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Federal Leaders, *Lights Out* Talk Highlight Feb.14-17 Winter Meetings

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Winter Committee Meetings will feature talks from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chair Norman C. Bay, Commissioner Ajit Pai from the Federal Communications Commission and Administrator Marie Therese Dominguez from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The federal representatives will discuss current rulemakings, priorities within their agencies and the role of state regulators.

Also among the General Session speakers is USAID Power Africa Deputy Coordinator Sean Jones. Power Africa is a federal interagency effort working to significantly increase access to electricity in Sub-Saharan Africa. The program works with public and private entities to decrease barriers to energy resources coming online and supports necessary reforms in regulatory and political structures to ensure the long-term viability of energy sectors.

NARUC President Travis Kavulla of Montana will lead well-known author and journalist Ted Koppel in a thought-provoking question-and-answer session on his book, *Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath*.

Along with cybersecurity, panel topics will cover high-profile regulatory matters such as the Clean Power Plan, pipeline safety, decarbonization, broadband, natural gas, and transportation issues. Panel participants include state commissioners, subject-matter experts and consumer advocates.

NARUC is the national association representing the economic utility regulators who serve in the public interest in all 50 states, including the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. NARUC's committees are managed and populated by state public service commissioners, holding educational sessions and panel discussions on relevant issues that best serve NARUC members. The committees also propose resolutions that, if approved by the Board of Directors, set Association policy on Congressional, federal and industry matters. Draft resolutions proposed for consideration are available for review on NARUC's website at <http://bit.ly/1PIA1bc>.

The complete Winter Committee Meetings agenda is available [here: http://bit.ly/23ElnHW](http://bit.ly/23ElnHW).

Follow the meetings on social media using the **#NARUCWinter16** hashtag.

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