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NARUC Joins New DOE/DOT Joint Office Electric Vehicle Working Group

WASHINGTON (August 9, 2023) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners will be represented on the newly formed Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Electric Vehicle Working Group. NARUC Partnerships and Innovation Senior Director Danielle Sass Byrnett was tapped to join the new group.

According to its official announcement, “the working group was formed by the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to make recommendations to the Secretaries of Energy and Transportation regarding the development, adoption, and integration of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty electric vehicles into the U.S. transportation and energy systems.”

The formation of this group aligns with the [policy resolution](#) passed by the NARUC Board of Directors at its November 2022 Annual Meeting, which called for greater engagement among the Department of Energy/Department of Transportation/Joint Office and NARUC.

“This Working Group is an opportunity for NARUC to represent the interests of state members on this important issue,” said NARUC President Michael A. Caron. “We are grateful to DOE’s Joint Office for also establishing a leadership dialogue that has begun meeting regularly to discuss areas of mutual interest.”

These leadership dialogues are important because utility regulators are crucial to achieving decarbonization goals. Working together to develop ways to overcome challenges and achieve goals is essential. A couple of objectives of the dialogue include:

- Developing relationships among DOE vehicle-grid integration leaders and state utility commissioners from all five NARUC regions
- Increasing DOE’s understanding and awareness of utility commissions’ barriers, constraints and opportunities for transportation electrification

The EV Working Group is comprised of no more than 25 members, with no more than six federal and 19 non-federal stakeholders. The membership matrix is available at bit.ly/3KzLM62. Learn more about the EV Working Group at <https://bit.ly/47jLoSW> and visit bit.ly/444TT1v for information on NARUC’s EV activities.

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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.