NARUC Petitions Court to Review FERC Order 841

WASHINGTON (July 16, 2019) — On behalf of state utility commissions, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has filed a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s decisions on Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators (Order Nos. 841/841-A).

The petition seeks an order and judgment that “portions of the FERC Rehearing Order and FERC Order are arbitrary and capricious” and “not in accordance with the law.” NARUC’s petition also asserts that FERC’s orders are beyond its “jurisdiction, authority or power.”

NARUC is seeking to overturn FERC’s decision to deny states the ability to fully manage energy storage resources that are connected to distribution facilities or located behind a retail meter. NARUC ultimately would like to see states and relevant electric retail regulatory authorities have the same ability to manage these resources as they do to manage demand response aggregation.

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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.