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NARUC President Michael Caron Commends the Work of State Commissions for Public Service Recognition Week, May 7-13, 2023

WASHINGTON (May 8, 2023) — Since 1985, the first week in May has been designated by Congress as a time to celebrate the work of public servants through Public Service Recognition Week, honoring those who serve our nation as federal, state, county, local and tribal government employees. To note this occasion, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Michael A. Caron has issued this statement:

"I am grateful for this opportunity to thank my fellow state commissioners and their staff for their outstanding contributions to our nation.

"Public utility commissioners and their staff work in a field that very few people understand, and their work is both highly complex and critical to everything that functions in this country. They work under constant external pressures and scrutiny, yet capably manage to execute the mandates that are set before them to serve the public interest.

"Each person should consider all of the many aspects of their everyday lives that are touched by these public servants that are often taken for granted. Safe drinking water, reliable electricity and even taxis and other for-hire vehicles that have been inspected and operated by licensed drivers are just a few aspects of our daily lives for which public utility regulators and staff are responsible.

"On behalf of NARUC, I extend a heartfelt thank you to each person who works to ensure that public utility services are safe, reliable and provided at reasonable rates. You deserve to be congratulated for your outstanding contributions to public service."

—Michael A. Caron, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, NARUC President

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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.