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AI and Data Centers Take Center Stage Among Federal Leaders and Energy Experts at NARUC's Summer Policy Summit

Board Passes Several Energy and Telecom Resolutions

WASHINGTON (July 31, 2025) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Summer Policy Summit boasted record attendance, high-level federal officials and sessions aimed at unpacking some of the most prevalent utility issues facing state and federal regulators.

With more than 1,500 attendees present for the Boston meeting July 27-30, NARUC welcomed federal leaders such as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin, Department of Energy Deputy Secretary James Danly, National Energy Dominance Council Senior Director of Power Peter Lake, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Mark Christie and other FERC commissioners, along with a host of energy and utility experts.

A common thread during the discussions is the need for more infrastructure, collaboration, keeping pace with demand, the challenges associated with predicting energy needs well into the future and the importance of data centers and AI.

“These were some of the most consequential discussions we have had at a NARUC Summer Policy Summit,” said NARUC President and Georgia Commissioner Tricia Pridemore. “This was a great opportunity to bring together people who are actively engaged in and interested in these topics because there is a reasonable expectation among the communities we serve that we will work to ensure reliable, affordable and safe utility services. We recognize that there are no easy, quick solutions, which is why these meetings are so important.”

During the meeting, FERC held its third Federal-State Current Issues Collaborative, comprised of all FERC Commissioners and 10 state commissioner representatives. The focus of the July 27 meeting was “States’ Role in Regional Transmission Organization Governance,” on resource adequacy issues. The telecast of the meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/i3OUtcyzwuY>.

Members of the Demand Roundtable, which helps state commissioners better understand the large-scale projected energy load requests coming into their states to

serve data centers, new manufacturing and other sources of new energy demand, also convened during the summit.

The NARUC Board of Directors adopted a series of substantive and honorary resolutions. The substantive resolutions focused on topics related to natural gas pipelines, nuclear energy, field worker safety, weatherization funding and telecommunications.

The resolutions guide the Association's policy and advocacy actions. Read the complete resolutions at bit.ly/NARUC_SubstantiveSummer25Resolutions and the honorary ones at NARUC_HonorarySummer25Resolutions.

Use **#NARUCSummer25** to see highlights from the meeting. The next NARUC meeting is the Annual Meeting and Education Conference, November 9-12, in Seattle, Washington.

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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.