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NARUC Announces Appointments to the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, EPRI Advisory Council, GTI Public Interest Advisory Committee and the FERC Federal-State Current Issues Collaborative

WASHINGTON (September 22, 2026) — National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Ann Rendahl of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has made several new committee and external engagement appointments.

Commissioner Colin Yost of the Public Utilities Commission of Hawaii was appointed as co-vice chair of NARUC's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. He joins co-vice chair Massachusetts Commissioner Staci Rubin, and chair, Florida Commissioner Mike A. La Rosa on the committee.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Commissioner Courtney K. Hjaltman was appointed to the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute. EPRI's Advisory Council represents regulatory, academic, environmental and scientific organizations; finance and business sectors; and other stakeholders to advise its management and board on trends in political, economic and social issues that affect electric utilities; assists with prioritizing research and ensuring its relevance; and balance in serving the public interest.

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Commissioner Elizabeth Anderson and Commissioner Katie Anderson of the Arkansas Public Utility Commission were appointed to the Gas Technology Institute Public Interest Advisory Committee. As noted on its website, the PIAC provides guidance "on public interest issues and long-term trends that may potentially have impact on GTI Energy, the utility industry, and the energy and natural gas consumer." The group is comprised of public utility commissioners, consumer advocates, and environmental, economic and university-based experts.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has issued a [notice](#) of state commissioners appointed to the Federal-State Current Issues Collaborative. On August 25, 2026, NARUC appointed the following state commission representatives to the Collaborative, to serve from August 28, 2026, through August 27, 2027:

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners Representatives:

- Commissioner Christine Guhl-Sadovy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Commissioner Kathryn Zerfuss, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Mid-America Regulatory Conference Representatives:

- Chair Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Stacey Paradis, Illinois Commerce Commission

New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners Representatives:

- Commissioner Carrie Gilbert, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- Commissioner Pradip Chattopadhyay, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Representatives:

- Chair Doyle Webb, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Chairman Gabriella Passidomo Smith, Florida Public Service Commission

Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners Representatives:

- Commissioner Greg Nibert, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- Chair Brian Rybarik, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

The Collaborative was announced by FERC in March 2024 and includes all five FERC commissioners and 10 NARUC state commissioners who represent all five NARUC regions. State representatives serve one-year terms. Learn more about the Collaborative at <https://www.ferc.gov/federal-state-current-issues-collaborative>.

“State perspectives and representation are needed in our committees, within technical arenas and at the federal level,” said Rendahl. “I am grateful to our dedicated members who are actively engaged across all levels to advance the mission of effective utility regulation.”

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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.