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South Carolina Commissioner John “Butch” Howard Extends Term on NARUC Board of Directors

WASHINGTON (October 24, 2019) — Commissioner John “Butch” Howard of the South Carolina Public Service Commission will continue to serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Board of Directors through an appointment by President and Iowa Utilities Board Member Nick Wagner.

Howard, who joined the South Carolina PSC in March 2004, has had a seat on the NARUC board since 2017. He is also the immediate past chair of NARUC’s Subcommittee on Education and Research. In addition, Howard served as co-vice chair of the Committee on Water and chaired the Committee on Water.

In 2010, Howard was elected as chairman of the PSC and vice chair in 2008. His current and past regulatory activities include the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Commissioners; the Water Research Foundation, Public Council on Drinking Water Research; New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities, Advisory Council; and the Department of Homeland Security, Water Sector Government Coordinating Council.

Howard holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of South Carolina. He was the first NARUC commissioner to earn the Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education.

“I am honored to continue to serve on the NARUC Board of Directors,” said Howard. “I work alongside an impressive team of public servants dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of utility regulation.”

“Commissioner Howard brings a wealth of institutional knowledge of both the Association and best practices in utility regulation,” said Wagner. “His discerning nature, collegial disposition and leadership are very much appreciated and will continue to serve NARUC and its members well.”

The NARUC Board of Directors consists of the president, the first vice president, the second vice president, the treasurer, each past president who is an active member and 20 other active members representing state commissions. Howard’s term on the board expires October 31, 2022, but he may be reappointed by NARUC’s Executive Committee.

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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.