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NARUC Statement on Permitting Provisions in the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act

WASHINGTON (October 7, 2026) — In response to the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (S. 5653), introduced in the Senate on September 30, 2026, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President Ann Rendahl (Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission) has issued the following statement:

“State utility regulators strongly support policies that improve reliability, prioritize affordability and facilitate the streamlined construction and deployment of needed energy infrastructure. There is much to review in the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act. Of particular interest to NARUC are provisions related to electric transmission that may impact landowners, communities, states and consumers.

In the coming weeks, NARUC will engage with its members to analyze the legislation and provide feedback to federal policymakers. State regulators look forward to working constructively with Congress to preserve an appropriate federal-state balance, protect consumers and landowners, and ensure that transmission policy advances reliable and affordable electric service. Individual states may hold differing views on specific provisions of the legislation, and our members stand ready to share their expertise with their respective delegations as Congress considers refinements to these important policies.”

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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.