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Commissioner Fedorchak Elected to NARUC Executive Committee

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota Public Service Commission Chair Julie Fedorchak has been elected Second Vice President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Fedorchak was elected to this position on the Executive Committee during their annual meeting being held this week in Louisville, Ky. The position of Second Vice President puts her in line to be President of the organization in 2024.

"T'm extremely honored to be elected to this national leadership position," Fedorchak said. "Utilities provide the backbone for our communities and our economy, and these industries are going through major transitions. NARUC is a venue for regulators from throughout the nation to learn, share ideas and work through the challenging issues of reliability and affordability during this technological transition. I'm excited to provide leadership during this critical time and help shine light on vital issues."

Fedorchak has served on the Commission since 2012 when she was appointed by Gov. Jack Dalrymple. In 2016 she was elected to a full six-year term. She is currently the Chair of the Commission and heads the business operations; pipeline, electric transmission and energy conversion siting; railroad; and consumer affairs portfolios and is the agency's lead for issues relating to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). She currently is President of the Organization of MISO States. She has led efforts to enhance the Commission's pipeline reclamation program; she developed and received legislative approval for a state rail safety program; and she is a tireless advocate for reliable, affordable utility services. She has been Vice Chair of the NARUC Gas Committee for six years and has been involved in the organization for nine years

Founded in 1889, NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions who regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water, and transportation. NARUC's members include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

The Executive Committee includes NARUC's principal officers: the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and two appointed members. These officers serve as the "face" of the Association and are responsible for the organization's overall direction.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov..