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Missouri PSC Chair Kenney Tapped to Lead Energy, Environment Committee

WASHINGTON—Missouri Public Service Commission Chair Robert Kenney will lead an influential national regulatory panel on energy and environmental issues.

In being named chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Energy Resources and the Environment Committee, Chair Kenney will oversee a panel of more than 30 State utility regulators from all over the country.

The committee serves as a venue for State utility regulators to discuss ways for providing utility customers with environmentally sustainable and affordable energy services, with a particular focus on energy efficiency, renewable and distributed resources, consumer protection, and low-income weatherization and assistance. The committee works with stakeholders from all over the utility spectrum, including environmental groups, federal agencies, utility executives, and consumer advocates.

His appointment is effective Aug. 1; he was nominated for the position by NARUC President Philip Jones of Washington.

NARUC is the national association representing the State Public Service Commissioners who regulate essential utility services in your State. NARUC members are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates. Founded in 1889, the Association is an invaluable resource for its members and the regulatory community, providing a venue to set and influence public policy, share best practices, and foster innovative solutions to improve regulation.

"My thanks to Chair Kenney for agreeing to serve his fellow commissioners in this capacity," said President Jones. "Our nation's utility industry is at a turning point as cleaner, more efficient fuels become part of the energy mix. As economic regulators, our members play a key role in this transition, ensuring rates remain affordable and the power remains reliable. Greenhouse gas emission reductions and environmental regulations are increasingly driving long term decisions by commissioners on our future electric resource portfolios. This committee plays a vital role in educating and informing us about such issues and the often difficult tradeoffs regulators need to make. Commissioner Kenney knows well how these changes will affect consumers, and I am grateful for service."

"I am humbled not only by the opportunity to lead this important committee, but to follow Commissioner Fox's footsteps," Chair Kenney said. "The ERE committee is focused on some of the most pressing challenges facing our country: climate, energy efficiency, consumer assistance, and renewable development. I can think of no better place to address these than through NARUC and this committee. I look forward to working with Commissioners Gardner and Speakes-Backman, and members of the ERE team."

Chair Kenney was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission in July 2009. He became chair of the commission in March 2013. He is an active NARUC member through his service on the Association's ERE and Consumer Affairs committees. He is also a member of the Energy Bar Association.

Prior to his appointment to the PSC, Chair Kenney served as Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster's first Chief of Staff. In that position, he was instrumental in leading the office through the transition process. He was responsible for overall management of the Office of the Attorney General's employees in five offices throughout the State.

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.

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