June 2017

Commissioner Randall Appointed to Co-Vice Chair of NARUC Committee on Water

In January, Vice Chairman Comer H. “Randy” Randall was appointed as a Co-Vice Chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Committee on Water. The Committee on Water aims to increase awareness and understanding about the issues surrounding uses and reuses of water and wastewater. Through policy resolutions, panel discussions, and participation in high-level events, the Committee works closely with several agency and stakeholder groups, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of Water Companies, and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. Commissioner Randall is sharing the Vice Chairmanship with Missouri Commissioner Daniel Y. Hall. Mary-Anna Holden of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is the Chairman.

In addition to Commissioner Randall’s service on the Committee on Water, he actively serves on the NARUC Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and previously served on the Committee on Gas. Commissioner Randall is also an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC). Commissioner Randall assumed his Commissionership with the Public Service Commission on July 1, 2013.

The Commission recently held a public night hearing in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Night hearings give the Commission a chance to hear public testimony from individuals who are unable to attend a hearing in Columbia.

A public witness delivers her testimony during the hearing.
Reflections of Chairman Swain E. Whitfield

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(Left) Jeff Nelson, ORS General Counsel, discusses procedures prior to the SCE&G Briefing on April 12, 2017.


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Home Cooling

The percentage of the average household’s energy use that goes to space cooling. 6%

2/3 of all U.S. homes have air conditioners. $29B

The amount it costs homeowners every year to power their air conditioners.

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