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PSC Commissioner David Wright Elected President of National Association

ST. LOUIS, MO — South Carolina Public Service Commissioner David A. Wright was elected by his peers as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). At the NARUC Annual Meeting on November 15, 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri, Commissioner Wright was installed into office. He will serve in this capacity until next November.

Commissioner Wright was elected to this position by his fellow public service commissioners from around the country. "I am honored and humbled to be elected by my peers to lead this Association," President Wright said. "There is no reason to sugar coat it – we are in difficult financial times, and the utility industries and their consumers are facing unprecedented challenges. Effective regulation is key to maintaining reliable utility services at affordable, reasonable rates. Surpassing our challenges will take an inclusive, team-based approach, and I look forward to working with my State regulatory colleagues in leading the charge."

As President, Commissioner Wright will provide general oversight of the Association, which represents the State public service commissioners who regulate essential utility services, such as electricity, telecommunications, gas, water, and transportation. In this role, President Wright will serve as the primary voice of the Association, leading NARUC before Congress, the courts, and administrative agencies. He will also be responsible for designating members to the NARUC Board of Directors, committee leadership positions, and other Association appointments as necessary.

David Wright was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in March 2004, representing Congressional District 2. Within NARUC, he has served as First Vice President and chair of the Association's Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues & Waste Disposal. Commissioner Wright is also a member of the Electricity Committee within NARUC and is active in the Association's Washington Action Program. In addition, Wright serves as chair of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition, and is a past president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC).

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 to represent the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government. Its members regulate essential utility services, including energy, telecommunications, and water, and are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates.

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