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**Commissioner Fedorchak Appointed to Advisory Board for
National Gas Technology Research Organization**

BISMARCK, ND – North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak has been appointed to the advisory board of a national research organization focusing on natural gas technology.

National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) President Travis Kavulla recently appointed Commissioner Fedorchak as a member of the Gas Technology Institute's Advisory Committee. The committee includes public utility commissioners, consumer advocates, environmentalists, university professors and economists. The committee is an advisory body that provides the Gas Technology Institute's senior management with guidance as to what research and development is in the best interest of the public and gas consumers.

"This is a great opportunity to represent North Dakota's interests and expertise on this national organization that seeks to expand the supply and improve the reliability of our nation's gas resources," said Commissioner Fedorchak. "This organization is on the front lines pushing new research and technology and I look forward to being involved in their work."

The Gas Technology Institute (GTI) is a research organization that works to solve important energy challenges, turning raw technology into practical solutions. They are driven by four primary objectives:

- Expanding the supply of affordable natural gas and renewable energy
- Ensuring a safe and reliable energy delivery infrastructure
- Promoting the clean and efficient use of energy resources
- Reducing carbon emissions to the environment

GTI has produced over 500 products and 1,300 patents for the natural gas industry and gas consumers including shale gas horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing know how, end-use technologies such as a high-efficiency furnace, gas cooling equipment, natural gas vehicle engines, and operations technologies like the optical methane detector, plastic pipe locator, and crossbore (sewer/gas) prevention guidelines.

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