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NDPSC Commissioner Named To National Committee On Gas

BISMARCK, N.D. ----Commissioner Julie Fedorchak has been named to the Committee on Gas for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission (NARUC) and will moderate a national panel discussing gas flaring at the summer meeting today, July 23, in Denver.

The gas panel will analyze factors contributing to gas flaring in areas such as the Bakken oil play, the challenges associated with gas leakage and gas flaring and efforts to reduce that leakage and flaring along with new economic opportunities. Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, who serve as an expert on the panel, outlining the causes and solutions to gas flaring in North Dakota.

“The discovering of large shale gas reserves in the U.S. makes this one of the most dynamic industries in our nation. It’s stimulating innovation, creating new jobs and triggering significant changes in the electric industry,” Fedorchak said. “Serving on the NARUC gas committee positions me in the middle of important public safety and policy discussions that are vital to North Dakota and this rapidly changing industry.”

Fedorchak said the panel on gas flaring is just one example of the many issues of importance to North Dakota that this committee is addressing. Through panel discussions and educational sessions, the Gas Committee fosters awareness and understanding of issues affecting the transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas safely, efficiently, and economically. Committee members work closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. departments of Energy and Transportation.

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