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### **Commissioner Kalk Elected President of Mid-America Regulatory Commissioners**

BISMARCK, ND – Commissioner Brian P. Kalk was elected president of the Mid-America Regulatory Commissioners (MARC) during their annual meeting held in Milwaukee last week. Kalk started his one-year term immediately after the election, taking over for Wisconsin Commissioner Phil Montgomery.

“I’m looking forward to working with my colleagues in the region as we work on the challenging issues ahead,” said Commissioner Brian P. Kalk. “This is also a great opportunity to showcase North Dakota by hosting the 2016 MARC conference in Bismarck next June.”

Since its establishment in 1956, MARC has sponsored an annual meeting and conference of the Commissioners and staff from member state agencies, as well as representatives of regulated industries and the public, to share ideas and discuss regulatory and policy issues affecting their states, region and the nation. Tradition is for the president of the organization to host the conference in their home state and because of that, North Dakota is proud to be hosting the conference June 12-15, 2016, in Bismarck.

MARC represents an association of regional organizations of utility and energy regulatory agencies from 14 states that include Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

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