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Commissioner Fedorchak to Host Record Attendance at Winter Policy Summit as President of NARUC

BISMARCK, ND – Commissioner Julie Fedorchak, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), will help host the organization’s Winter Policy Summit next week in Washington D.C. The Summit, which features Sen. Joe Manchin, author Robert Bryce, and EPA administrator of greenhouse gas rules Joe Goffman, has attracted a record 1,800 registrants with more expected on site.

“The changes occurring in the electric industry are unprecedented,” Fedorchak said. “State regulators sit at the cross section of all of them and play a fundamental role in ensuring reliability and affordability are maintained. This conference zeros in on some of the greatest risks and challenges including federal rules and policies, wildfires, and gas-electric coordination.”

Fedorchak says a top goal of her term as NARUC President is to focus her colleagues on prioritizing reliability and affordability during this time of change in the electric industry. Speakers and panelists at the Summit will cover a variety of topics focused on those issues, including a panel of state Commissioners discussing EPA rules with Goffman.

Speakers during the week include:

- Robert Bryce – Author, Journalist, Podcaster and Film Producer
- Senator Joe Manchin – Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- Willie Phillips - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman
- Katherine Blunt – Energy Reporter at The Wall Street Journal and author

North Dakota Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart will also lead a main stage discussion on cybersecurity with Puesh Kumar, the Department of Energy’s Director of the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response.

“I am honored to be a part of NARUC/DOE joint Cybersecurity Working Committee,” said Commissioner Haugen-Hoffart. “Through many hours of collaboration among a diverse group of stakeholders, we developed a set of cybersecurity baselines for electric distribution systems and the distributed energy resources (DERs) that connect to them. This initiative builds on the great work that states have undertaken over the years to mitigate risk across this critical infrastructure.”

Founded in 1889, NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions who regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water, and transportation. NARUC's members include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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