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INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Chair and CEO Appointed to Role with International Utility Regulators Association

VANCOUVER – David Morton, Chair and CEO of the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) has been appointed as Co-Vice Chair of International Relations for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

Mr. Morton, who has served as Chair and CEO of the BCUC and as an executive member of Canada’s Energy and Utility Regulators (CAMPUT) since 2016, will assume this role with NARUC in addition to his leadership of the BCUC. He will use his extensive regulatory experience to help NARUC develop mutual opportunities with its international counterparts. This role will also serve to enhance the reputation of both the BCUC and CAMPUT.

“I look forward to working with others on NARUC’s International Relations Committee to continue strengthening international knowledge-sharing and partnerships,” said Morton. “This is an important and necessary step in the evolving world of public utilities regulation.”

Morton has served as a BCUC commissioner since 2010 and was appointed Chair and CEO of the BCUC in 2016. He is a Professional Engineer, and prior to joining the BCUC, had over 30 years of experience in the management of Information Technology.

About NARUC

NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the public service commissions in the United States that regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, power and water. The Executive Committee of NARUC meets annually with its Canadian partner, CAMPUT, to share information, experiences and best practices. As the Director of International relations for CAMPUT, Morton represents, in addition to the BCUC, an engaged group of Canadian energy regulators.

NARUC has eight standing committees that represent consumers and the public interest, critical infrastructure, electricity, energy resources and the environment, gas, international relations, telecommunications and water.

About the BCUC

The BCUC is a regulatory agency responsible for oversight of energy utilities and compulsory auto insurance in British Columbia. It is the BCUC’s role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

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Delaware Commissioner Winslow and Minnesota Commissioner Schuerger Appointed to NARUC Board of Directors

BCUC Commissioner Morton Appointed as Co-Vice Chair of International Relations

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has appointed Delaware Public Service Commission Chairman Dallas Winslow and Commissioner Matthew Schuerger of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to its board of directors. British Columbia Utilities Commission Chair and Chief Executive Officer David M. Morton was appointed as Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on International Relations.

The NARUC Board of Directors consists of the president, the first vice president, the second vice president, each past president who is an active member and 20 other active members representing state commissions. Members of the board are appointed by NARUC’s president for a four-year term. The board oversees NARUC’s general and financial functions and approves resolutions that serve as NARUC policy statements.

Winslow was first appointed to the Delaware PSC in March 2005, reappointed in June 2015 and appointed as chairman in July 2012. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and Duquesne University School of Law. Along with 30 years of experience with the State of Delaware as the Chief of Legal Services at the Office of the Public Defender, he is also a retired Colonel from the Delaware National Guard. Chairman Winslow also served in the Delaware State Senate from 1998 to 2002 and served on the Senate Energy and Transit Committee, Judiciary Committee, Highways and Transportation and the Joint Finance Committee.

“I’m proud to be entrusted with a leadership position with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners,” said Winslow. “I look forward to working diligently and providing solid advice and counsel to the Board to the furtherance of the NARUC mission, which is to improve the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation.”

Schuerger was appointed to the Minnesota PUC on February 1, 2016. He serves on NARUC’s Committee on Electricity, along with the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the MISO Advisory Committee, the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council and on the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. Schuerger has more than 30 years of experience in the energy industry as a senior manager and professional engineer and was the president of an engineering and management consulting firm. He holds a Master’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and a BS in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.
“I am honored to accept this appointment to the NARUC Board of Directors and I look forward to working with the officers, fellow Directors, and members in advancing the mission of the organization,” said Schuerger. “NARUC serves a vital role improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation through education and coordination, and by providing engaging forums for sharing information and ideas.”

“NARUC’s Board of Directors will benefit greatly from these recent appointments,” said NARUC President John Betkoski III. “Chairman Winslow brings an extensive breadth of knowledge and experience that covers many facets of energy and utility regulation, along with a deep administrative background. Commissioner Schuerger’s experience on boards and advisory councils, combined with practical knowledge and acumen will help ensure that our board is effective and remains focused on NARUC’s core mission and objectives.”

The International Committee manages NARUC’s outreach activities across the globe, including partnerships with numerous countries in Eastern Europe, Africa and Bangladesh.

Morton has served as a commissioner since 2010. In 2016, he was appointed Chair and CEO of the BC Utilities Commission. He is a Professional Engineer and before joining the BC Utilities Commission, had more than 30 years of experience managing information technology. As the Director of International Relations for CAMPUS (NARUC’s Canadian counterpart), he represents the BC Utilities Commission, as well as an engaged group of Canadian energy regulators.

“We see the continued trend of energy market development and expansion overseas, which has created a demand for both practical knowledge and perspectives from U.S. regulators,” said Betkoski. “Commissioner Morton will leverage his extensive regulatory portfolio to help us develop mutual opportunities with our international counterparts.”

“I look forward to working with others on the International Relations Committee to continue strengthening international knowledge-sharing and partnerships. This is an important and necessary step in the evolving world of utility regulation,” said Morton.

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*About NARUC*

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC’s member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.