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PSC Commissioner Ellen Nowak Appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Executive Committee and Board of Directors

[Madison, Wis.] – On February 2, 2015 the Public Service Commission announced that Commissioner Ellen Nowak was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Executive Committee and Board of Directors by NARUC President Lisa Edgar of Florida.

NARUC was founded in 1889 and serves as a non-profit organization that represents State public service commissions who regulate the utilities throughout the nation whom provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, water, and transportation.

“It is an honor and a privilege to have been nominated and appointed to the NARUC Board of Directors and the Executive Committee by President Edgar,” said Commissioner Nowak. “As State regulators, it is imperative that we work together to further the goals of each state’s commission and ensure that the ratepayers throughout the nation are listened to and protected. This appointment gives Wisconsin a seat at the table on the national level.”

The NARUC Executive Committee consists of the Association’s three elected officers—President and First and Second Vice President—along with an appointed Treasurer and at least one other member to ensure all five of the Association’s regional organizations are represented. The panel provides general administrative oversight of the Association. Commissioner Nowak will represent the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.

NARUC’s Board of Directors, meanwhile, consists of 20 members, including members of the Association’s Executive Committee and each Past-President who is still active within the organization. Board members are appointed by the NARUC President. As the supervisory body, the Board oversees NARUC’s financial functions and approves resolutions that serve as the Association’s policy.

Commissioner Ellen Nowak was appointed to the Public Service Commission in July of 2011 by Governor Scott Walker and was reconfirmed to a six year term in March of 2013. Commissioner Nowak has a law degree from Marquette University and received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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