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DCPSC Commissioner Emile C. Thompson Appointed to NARUC Energy Resources and the Environment and Critical Infrastructure Committees

(Washington, D.C.) <u>Commissioner Emile C. Thompson</u> of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and Committee on Critical Infrastructure. The committee memberships reflect the priorities of the Commission in advancing the District's clean energy goals. NARUC is a non-profit organization representing public service commissions that regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

"I am honored to be selected by NARUC President Judith Williams Jagdmann to serve, and I look forward to faithfully representing the residents of the District of Columbia in my new role," said Commissioner Thompson. "Serving on these committees is important to the cause of strengthening effective public regulation," added Jagdmann.

The NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment serves as a venue for state regulators to discuss ways to provide utility customers with environmentally sustainable and affordable energy services. Particularly, the Committee focuses on energy efficiency, environmental protection, renewable and distributed resources, consumer protection, low-income weatherization and assistance, and public interest research and development. The NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure, established after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, provides state regulators a forum to analyze solutions to utility infrastructure security and delivery concerns. As demonstrated on September 11 and later during Hurricane Katrina, protecting the nation's energy and telecommunications infrastructure is critical to national security. This committee gives state regulators opportunities to share best practices and collaborate amongst themselves and their federal counterparts.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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