March 15, 2013

The Honorable Betty Ann Kane
Chairman
District of Columbia Public Service Commission
1333 H. St NW, 2nd Floor West Tower
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: 100 Year Anniversary

Dear Chairman Kane, Commissioner Fort, and the Staff of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission:

On behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, I wish to congratulate you on the occasion of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission’s 100-year anniversary. This is truly a milestone achievement.

Effective regulation relies upon the simple notion of public service. Balancing the needs of the utilities we regulate with the consumers we serve is difficult work, as you and your colleagues can surely attest. But for the past 100 years, the D.C. PSC has performed this work admirably.

The utility industry has undergone tremendous change since the District of Columbia Public Service Commission’s founding. Wireless technologies have transformed the telecommunications sector. Renewable energy has made our electricity system cleaner and more efficient. New devices such as smart meters and smart phones have revolutionized how we communicate and could change how we use and consume energy.

Yet the D.C. PSC has not wavered in its dedication to public service over the past 100 years. The industries may have changed, but this commission’s commitment to fair, just, and reasonable prices for these services has not.

Our nation is fortunate to have had the quality regulation the D.C. PSC has provided since its inception. I thank you and your colleagues for your service. We also thank and recognize the important contributions of your predecessors.

Once again, congratulations on this milestone achievement. The nation and its consumers are better off because of your service.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Jones
President, NARUC
Commissioner, Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission