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Commissioner Jim Huston Appointed to National Committees

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 27, 2015) – Commissioner Jim Huston of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment as well as the Washington Action Program.

Appointed by NARUC President Lisa Edgar of the Florida Public Service Commission, Commissioner Huston will participate in key discussions regarding the nation's energy resources. The 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's focus areas include energy efficiency, environmental protection, renewable and distributed resources, consumer protection, low-income weatherization and assistance, and public interest research. The Washington Action Program provides a framework for improving the credibility, visibility, and effectiveness of NARUC in Congress, the executive branch, the media, and stakeholder organizations.

Founded in 1889, NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions that regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, water, and transportation.

Commissioner Huston was appointed to the IURC by Governor Mike Pence in 2014. Prior to joining the IURC, he served the Pence administration as chief of staff at the Indiana State Department of Health. During Governor Mitch Daniels' administration, he served as executive director of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. Commissioner Huston has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his more than 30-year career at both the federal and state level, including assistant deputy treasurer for the State of Indiana (1989) and as deputy commissioner for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (1986-1987). At the federal level, he served as deputy chief of staff to Congressman David McIntosh (1995-2001), district director to Congressman Steve Buyer (2003-2011), and as deputy chief of staff to Congressman Todd Rokita (2011).

About the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)

The IURC is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. For more information, please visit www.in.gov/iurc.

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