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Illinois Commerce Commission Chairman Appointed to NARUC Board of Directors

Chicago, IL – Brien J. Sheahan, chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, has been appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors for a term ending October 31, 2016.

NARUC is a non-profit organization 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.

"I am very excited to be joining the NARUC Board of Directors," said Sheahan. "NARUC is the foremost authority seeking to improve the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation across the nation. I look forward to this important leadership role seeking to strengthen public regulation."

In January, Sheahan was appointed Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner and will serve a five-year term. Before the ICC, Sheahan was Counsel to Governor Rauner's Transition Committee beginning in November 2014. Prior to that, he worked as Director of Government Relations for Navistar from 2012 to 2014 and was General Counsel for the Illinois Republican Party from 2007 to 2012. Sheahan also served as a member of the DuPage County Board for ten years. His extensive background in government includes work as an assistant in the Lt. Governor's office, a Policy Advisor at the Illinois Commerce Commission and Governor Jim Edgar's office, as well as Executive Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law.

The NARUC Board of Directors consists of 20 members plus the Association's President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, and each Past-President who is still an active NARUC member. The Chair of each standing committee is also a member of the Board. Members are appointed by the current NARUC President and serve four-year terms. As the supervisory body, the Board oversees the Association's general and financial functions and approves resolutions that serve as the Association's policy.

For more information on NARUC, go to www.naruc.org.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission's mission is to pursue an appropriate balance between the interests of consumers and existing and emerging service providers to ensure the provision of adequate, efficient, reliable, safe and least-cost public utility services. The Commission pursues this mission through three bureaus: the Consumer Services Bureau provides educational information on utility issues, resolves customer/utility disputes and develops rules on utility service and consumer protection; the Public Utility Bureau focuses on financial and operational analysis, policy development, public safety and enforcement activities related to electric, natural gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies; the Transportation Bureau includes trucking insurance and registration, railroad safety, relocation towing, safety towing and household goods moving company enforcement activities. The ICC's five commissioners are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Illinois State Senate for five-year terms.