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ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski Appointed to the NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

Chicago, IL...Chairman Carrie Zalewski of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) has been appointed to serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest. NARUC President Brandon Presley made the appointment following the NARUC 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C.

"I am honored to be chosen to serve on this very important committee," said Zalewski. "As regulators, we must always be cognizant of the impact our choices will have on the consumer. I look forward to exchanging ideas and best practices with colleagues from across the country as we deal with a wide variety of issues while ensuring that consumer protection efforts remain at the forefront of the discussion."

The primary focus of the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest is to analyze the expanded and evolving role of state commissions in protecting consumer interests. With technology changing at a record pace and competitive energy and telecommunication markets continuing to grow committee members are addressing new consumer protection challenges.

"Chairman Zalewski's leadership experience and regulatory knowledge make her an excellent choice for this committee," said NARUC President Brandon Presley. "She will surely provide meaningful contributions that will support our goal of serving the public interest."

Zalewski was appointed Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission on April 15, 2019, by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker. She had previously served for 10 years as a regulator on the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Chairman Zalewski is also a member of the NARUC Committee on Electricity.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission's Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

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