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## ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan to Serve on NARUC Critical Infrastructure Committee

Springfield, IL...ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski successfully nominated fellow Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan to serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Critical Infrastructure. Zalewski formerly served on this committee.

“Commissioner Carrigan’s background and expertise make him an excellent fit for this committee,” said Zalewski. “I know Illinois will be well represented by Commissioner Carrigan in the discussions about national security and making sure our energy and telecommunications infrastructures are well-protected.”

This committee provides state regulators with a forum to analyze solutions to utility infrastructure security and delivery concerns and is chaired by Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille.

Commissioner Carrigan was appointed to the ICC by Governor Pritzker on January 31, 2020. Most recently, he served as the president of the Illinois AFL-CIO. He was an officer of the AFL-CIO for more than 19 years, including seven as secretary-treasurer prior to becoming president. He started his career as a journeyman wireman with Decatur-based IBEW Local 146 in 1978, spending the next 22 years rising through the ranks becoming a business agent and finally its business manager and secretary. Commissioner Carrigan served nearly four terms on the Decatur City Council before his appointment as mayor of Decatur in July of 2008 to serve out the remaining term of the retiring mayor.

“It is imperative that we stay ahead of potential natural or man-made threats to our nation’s utility and telecommunications infrastructure. I look forward to serving on this committee and participating in discussions with other regulators from across the country to ensure these assets are guarded and safe,” said Carrigan.

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