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ICC Acting Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel appointed by NARUC to the DOE Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership

CHICAGO...Acting Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) has been appointed by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership ([NGIMP](#)) with the Department of Energy (DOE).

“I am honored to be chosen as an NGIMP member and look forward to taking a more active role in this partnership with the Department of Energy,” said Acting Commissioner Kimbrel. “Natural gas infrastructure modernization is an ongoing process in every state, including Illinois. This appointment will enable me to more closely examine new technologies, practices and policies available to improve how safely and efficiently utilities can deliver natural gas.”

Acting Commissioner Kimbrel will be collaborating with state regulators, federal agencies and other natural gas stakeholders with the primary goal of facilitating the exchange of information on emerging technologies and investments in natural gas infrastructure modernization. NGIMP’s secondary goal is to serve as a repository of information on the pipeline replacement and expansion mechanisms available to distribution networks.

Other commissioners recently appointed by NARUC to the partnership include: Jay Balasbas, Washington; Gladys Brown, Pennsylvania; Julie Brown, Florida; Maida Coleman, Missouri; Thad LeVar, Utah; Angela O’Connor, Massachusetts; Kim O’Guinn, Arkansas; Brandon Presley, Mississippi; Tricia Pridemore, Georgia; Norman J. Saari, Michigan; Katie Sieben, Minnesota; Dianne Solomon, New Jersey; and Nick Wagner, Iowa.

Kimbrel, who has worked for the ICC since 2007, was appointed Acting Commissioner by Governor Bruce Rauner in January. Prior to his appointment, Kimbrel worked as an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), and became the ICC's first African-American Chief ALJ in 2015. His prior experience includes working as a legislative analyst for the Office of the Illinois Senate President in the late 1990s, and as a judicial law clerk for the Illinois Appellate Court in Chicago in the early 2000s. Kimbrel earned his BA in Political Science from the University of Chicago and his JD at George Washington University National Law Center.

For more on Acting Commissioner Kimbrel and other ICC Commissioners click [here](#).

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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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