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ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan Named to New NARUC-DOE Nuclear Energy Partnership

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission is pleased to announce that Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan will participate in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners newly launched five-year Nuclear Energy Partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy. This partnership will enable state public service commissioners and commission staff from across the country to explore deeper issues related to zero-carbon nuclear power. According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, Illinois has 11 nuclear power reactors, the largest number in the nation, producing 88 percent of the state's carbon-free electricity and employing more than 5,400 workers.

"Nuclear energy will certainly play an important role in helping states like Illinois achieve their zero-carbon emission goals. As a member of this partnership, I look forward to forging new relationships and exchanging ideas with my peers from across the nation as we explore the issues surrounding the retention of the existing fleet of nuclear reactors, the possibilities of advanced nuclear technology, and formulating a cleaner, reliable and affordable energy mix heading into the future," said Commissioner Carrigan.

The Nuclear Energy Partnership will include commissioners and staff representing 18 states and territories from coast to coast. Throughout the partnership, members will engage in programming such as stakeholder dialogue, peer sharing calls, site visits, educational webinars and briefing papers for NARUC's state members.

"Commissioner Carrigan brings with him vast experience and knowledge working in the Nuclear Energy space. He will add great insight to the Partnership," said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski.

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