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PSC CHAIRMAN ARMSTRONG TO HELP LEAD UTILITY PANEL ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Group represents North American utility regulators

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 11, 2010) – Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman David L. Armstrong has been named co-vice chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on International Relations.

“Like every other sector of our economy, utilities are becoming increasingly globalized and thus more affected by international developments,” Armstrong said. “Kentucky is an important player in the global economy and I plan to use my role on this committee to help our state continue to enhance its international standing.”

Armstrong noted that the PSC has in the past engaged in productive exchanges with international partners. For many years, the PSC had a partnership, through the U.S Agency for International Development, with utility regulators in Armenia to help modernize the utility sector in the former Soviet republic. The PSC also has hosted delegations from Ukraine, South Korea and other nations.

“Our international exchanges have benefited the PSC as well as our partners,” Armstrong said. “I hope that we will have more such exchanges in coming years.”

The NARUC international relations committee is chaired by Arnetta McRae of the Delaware Public Service Commission. The other co-vice chair is Gaétan Caron of the National Energy Board of Canada.

Armstrong has served on the international relations committee since shortly after Governor Steve Beshear appointed him as chairman of the PSC on June 3, 2008. Armstrong also is a member of the NARUC board of directors and serves on its electricity committee and subcommittee on clean coal and carbon sequestration.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 100 employees.