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PSC Chairman Armstrong Named to NARUC Board of Directors *Will help oversee national organization of utility regulators*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 13, 2009) – Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman David Armstrong has been named to the board of directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, or NARUC.

NARUC is a non-profit organization whose membership includes utility regulators from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. It represents the interests of state utility regulators at the federal and international levels, works to improve the quality and effectiveness of state regulation and promotes policies that support reliable utility service at a reasonable cost.

The 31-member NARUC board oversees the organization's operations and approves resolutions that serve as NARUC's policy statements. On May 8, NARUC President Frederick Butler appointed Armstrong to a term that expires on Oct. 31, 2010.

"I am honored to be asked to help lead NARUC at a critical time for utility regulators," Armstrong said. "NARUC is an influential and essential voice in formulating our nation's response to global climate change, the economic crisis and other important issues.

"Utility regulators at every level, but particularly those in coal-dependent states such as Kentucky, will have to make difficult decisions as they implement likely national or international mandates to reduce emissions of greenhouses gases," Armstrong said. "I hope that my service to NARUC also will be of service to Kentucky on this and other issues."

Gov. Steve Beshear congratulated Armstrong on his appointment.

"Chairman Armstrong's extensive experience in state and local government has given him a keen appreciation of how decisions made at the national level affect the lives of Kentuckians," Beshear said. "I know that he will ably represent the Commonwealth during his term on the NARUC board."

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.