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BOYLE TO CHAIR NATIONAL CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

LINCOLN – Nebraska Public Service Commission Chair Anne Boyle has been appointed to lead the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Consumer Affairs Committee.

Boyle, who had been the committee's vice chair, was named by NARUC President Marsha Smith of Idaho to replace Commissioner Ron Jones of Tennessee.

“From cellular contracts, digital television transition to ensuring ample funding for low-income energy programs, the committee will continue to play a central role in attempting to achieve the delicate balance of fairness between utilities and consumers,” Boyle said. “I look forward to working with my state colleagues as we address these and other important consumer concerns.”

Boyle was first elected to the Commission in 1996 and also serves on NARUC's Telecommunications Committee, the North American Numbering Council, and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

“In an era of rising utility prices and a slowing economy, it is now more important than ever that state regulators keep consumer interests in mind,” Smith said.

“Commissioner Boyle is a true advocate and consumers, as well as NARUC, will be well served with her leadership.”

The Consumer Affairs Committee analyzes the role state utility regulators play in protecting consumer interests, cutting across all utility disciplines, with a particular focus on the energy and telecommunications industries. With the onset of restructured markets, the committee addresses related issues such as slamming, information protection, and consumer education.

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