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Commerce Secretary Locke, FCC Chair Genachowski Highlight NARUC Meeting

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski will address a packed gathering of State utility commissioners at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Annual Meeting next month in Atlanta.

The Nov. 14-17 meetings, held at the Omni at CNN Center, will feature panel discussions and keynote addresses on the Smart Grid, utility infrastructure, pipeline safety, federal policy initiatives, and much more. NARUC is the Washington-based association representing the country's Public Service Commissioners who regulate electricity, gas, telecommunications, and water utility services.

Confirmed speakers include: U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke; FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski; Southern Company President Thomas Fanning; National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates President Mary Healey of Connecticut; and many more.

Also, panel discussions on pipeline safety, cyber security, the Universal Service Fund, and smart rates will be held throughout the event. In addition, the NARUC-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Collaborative on Smart Response will meet Sunday, Nov. 14. FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff and Commissioner John Norris will co-chair the Collaborative, along with Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu of Michigan and Commissioner Phyllis Reha of Minnesota. Also, NARUC's committees on Telecommunications, Water, Energy Resources and the Environment, Critical Infrastructure, Electricity, Gas, and International Relations will hold their business meetings and consider policy resolutions.

There are no registration fees for press, which are invited to cover all open sessions. Meals will not be provided by NARUC. Please contact NARUC Communications Director Rob Thormeyer for details.

For more information, updates, registration data, and a detailed agenda, please visit http://annual.narucmeetings.org.

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NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of State public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government.

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