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Wright, Burke Applaud Senate Confirmation of FCC Members Rosenworcel, Pai

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners issued the following statements after the Senate approved the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel and Ajit Pai to the Federal Communications Commission:

“On behalf of the nation’s State utility regulators, we applaud today’s Senate vote approving Jessica Rosenworcel and Ajit Pai as the newest members of the Federal Communications Commission. Both will be welcomed additions, as each brings unique strengths to this important agency. Ms. Rosenworcel is a dedicated public servant, having already served at the agency as a key staff member for former Commissioner Michael Copps. Mr. Pai has also demonstrated his commitment to the public interest through his strong career as well. We look forward to working with working with the newest members of the commission, and we thank the Senate for finalizing their nominations.”

--NARUC President David Wright of South Carolina

“Today’s Senate action is good for the FCC and telecommunications consumers across the country. Given the major rulemakings and initiatives going on, getting Ms. Rosenworcel and Mr. Pai on board is critical. On a personal note, I am especially pleased to have the opportunity to continue working with Ms. Rosenworcel. We have both spent countless hours on numerous federal-State issues during her previous tenure at the FCC as primary staff for Commissioner Copps. She was a fierce advocate for the consumer and a true professional. I am also excited to work with Mr. Pai in his capacity as a commissioner as well. The FCC is a stronger agency today.”

NARUC Telecommunications Committee Chair John Burke of Vermont

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