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PSC Chairman Tapped to Serve on NARUC's Board **-National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners-**

Albany, NY—01/23/08—The New York State Public Service Commission today announced Garry Brown, Chairman of the Commission, was named to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Board members of NARUC serve four-year terms.

NARUC is a non-profit association representing the State public service commissioners who regulate essential utility services, such as electricity, gas, telecommunications, water, and transportation, throughout the country. As regulators, its members are charged with protecting the public and ensuring that rates charged by regulated utilities are fair, just, and reasonable.

“Commissioner Brown is stepping up to serve NARUC at a critical time,” said NARUC President Marsha Smith of Idaho. “The Board provides the leadership foundation for ensuring that the Association is meeting our members’ needs, and I look forward to working with my colleague at this level.”

“It is indeed a great honor and privilege to be asked to join the NARUC board,” said Commission Chairman Brown. “New York has long been a recognized leader in creating ground-breaking regulatory policies, and I look forward to participating on this important nationally represented board.”

The NARUC Board consists of 20 members plus the Association's President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, and each Past-President who is still an active NARUC member. Members are appointed by the current NARUC President and serve four-year terms. As the supervisory body, the Board of Directors performs critical oversight and sets official Association policy by approving resolutions passed by NARUC membership. Board members oversee NARUC's finances and help prepare programs and agendas for the Association's meetings and conferences held each year.

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 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.