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NEW JERSEY BPU COMMISSIONER FREDERICK BUTLER ELECTED TO LEAD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE REGULATORS

(NEWARK, NJ) – New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Commissioner Frederick F. Butler was elected to the position of President of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) during the organization's 120th annual convention that took place this week in New Orleans.

Founded in 1889, NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions who regulate the utilities. Its members include all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. It is an association whose members are charged with protecting the public and ensuring that rates charged by regulated utilities are fair, just and reasonable.

As President, Commissioner Butler will provide general oversight of the Association, which represents the state public service commissioners who regulate essential services, such as electricity, telecommunications, gas, water and transportation. In this role, Commissioner Butler will serve as the primary voice of the Association, leading NARUC before Congress, the courts and administrative agencies.

"I look forward to the challenges of serving as NARUC President, but I also expect it to provide an opportunity to represent New Jersey's interests at some of the most influential groups in our national government," said BPU Commissioner Butler. "Utility issues are front-page news and how we respond, as state regulators, will be essential to the public well-being.

"We are facing some of the most severe challenges in our lifetimes, from uncertainty over climate change and meeting future energy demand to ensuring that we all have access to safe, clean, and affordable water. We need to break out of our silos and reach out to as many groups as possible – other government officials, consumers and industry."

Commissioner Butler has served as a New Jersey BPU commissioner since March 1999 and was re-confirmed by the State Senate in June 2003 for a full six-year term on the Board.

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“During the 30 years I have known him, Fred has built a distinguished career as a public servant,” said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “Among his many accomplishments, he has articulately represented New Jersey’s interests to PJM and the FERC to the benefit of the state's ratepayers.”

“I congratulate him on this honor and look forward to continuing to work with him both nationally and in the State of New Jersey.”

“After his many years of service to the NJ Board of Public Utilities, it is only fitting that Fred achieves this high honor,” said BPU Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso. “New Jersey has a fine public servant representing its interests on the national level.”

“New Jersey residents should be proud that one of their own public servants on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will be leading the National Association of Regulatory Utilities through a very important time in our nation’s history, forming national energy policies that affect every American,” said BPU Commissioner Nicholas Asselta.

“I commend Commissioner Butler on this well-deserved achievement,” said BPU Commissioner Elizabeth Randall. “His experience and leadership, especially in the area of energy policy, will be a great asset to NARUC and the state of New Jersey.”

Prior to becoming NARUC’s President, Commissioner Butler served as Chairman of NARUC’s International Relations Committee, NARUC’s Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and NARUC’s Committee on Water. In addition, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI). He has been NARUC’s representative on the Presidium of the Eastern European and Eurasian Regulatory Association (ERRA), and has consulted with energy ministries and regulatory bodies in Africa, Asia and the Western Hemisphere as well as Europe. Commissioner Butler also has served as NARUC’s representative to the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Energy Regulators’ Forum and is one of NARUC’s representatives to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

To learn more about NARUC, visit <http://www.naruc.org/about.cfm>.

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU):

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (CEP):

New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State’s residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers’ energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.