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NEWS RELEASE

PRC Commissioners Participated In Educational Forum in Nashville

The day before the Summer Committee Meetings began, NARUC held a town hall meeting for the public and other interested parties to provide input on the draft manual on Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Compensation on July 23. The draft manual was distributed to stakeholder groups and posted to NARUC's website.

The draft DER Compensation Manual is the result of a November 11, 2015, resolution adopted at NARUC's Annual Meeting to create a Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design to provide a forum for state commissions to address rate design challenges. The resolution also recognized the increasing importance of rate design issues in state policy. Upon completion, the manual will be utilized as a practical tool to assist state regulators in managing the complicated issues associated with rate design for distributed generation.

Organized in five main sections, the manual describes the basic rate design process and how DER affects that process, defines DER and its relevance for states, identifies the challenges and questions raised by the details of rate design and compensation, outlines a variety of DER compensation methodologies and provides a description of advanced technologies that may assist regulators and utilities in planning and monitoring DER development.

The subcommittee received roughly 130 responses following the solicitation of input on preparing the draft manual earlier this year. The feedback on the current draft will help form the final manual, which is scheduled for a November release.

NARUC holds three membership-wide meetings each year, where members gather to set policy, share best practices, and discuss crucial industry issues. Outside of the Winter, Summer, and Annual meetings, NARUC's affiliate organizations hold their own meetings throughout the year.

About the NMPRC

The NMPRC regulates public utilities, telecommunications companies and motor carriers operating in the State of New Mexico. It also administers the State Fire Marshal's Office, the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, N.M., and the Pipeline Safety Bureau.

About NARUC

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. 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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