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Florida Public Service Commissioner Julie Brown was appointed on November 9 to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Natural Gas Partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Partnership will facilitate the exchange of information on emerging regulatory and technological solutions to advance the safety, reliability, resilience, affordability and environmental performance of the nation's natural gas infrastructure.

In his announcement former NARUC President Brandon Presley said, "The Partnership will deliver value to state regulators and natural gas customers by illuminating advanced technologies and best practices to improve the reliability, resilience, safety, affordability and environmental attributes of our natural gas system." The Partnership includes members representing 16 state public utility commissions. NARUC represents state public service commissioners who regulate essential utility services, such as electricity, telecommunications, gas, water, and transportation.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working with fellow NARUC members and the DOE to examine the critical issues related to natural gas regulation," said PSC Commissioner Julie Brown, who also served on the NARUC-DOE Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership. "Our collaboration through this Partnership will benefit consumers as we study new technologies and best practices for natural gas distribution infrastructure."

An active member of NARUC, Commissioner Brown serves on NARUC's Board, Committee on Gas, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues–Waste Disposal, and its Presidential Natural Gas Access and Expansion Task Force to help expand natural gas service in neglected and rural areas. She previously served on the NARUC-U.S. Department of Energy Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership, facilitating investments in natural gas infrastructure modernization and repairs to natural gas distribution pipeline networks. Since October 2018, Commissioner Brown has served as Chair of the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee after previously serving as its Vice Chair.



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Commissioner Graham Appointed to NARUC Executive Committee



FPSC Commissioner Art Graham was recently appointed to the NARUC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee includes NARUC's principle officers—the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and two appointed members. These officers serve as the "face" of the Association and are responsible for the organization's overall direction.

Commissioner Graham also serves on the NARUC Committee on Electricity. He previously served on NARUC's Committee on Water from 2010 through 2016 and was appointed Co-Vice Chair in January 2015. He currently serves on the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards Association subcommittee updating the National Electrical Safety Code's standards for strength and loading of overhead lines.