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**Arkansas Public Service Commission Announces
Appointment of Commissioner Colette D. Honorable to the
Position of Co-Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory
Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas**

Arkansas Public Service Commissioner Colette D. Honorable has been appointed as Co-Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Gas. The appointment, made by NARUC President Frederick Butler of New Jersey, was recently announced by the national association.

NARUC's Committee on Gas fosters awareness and understanding of issues affecting the transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas safely, efficiently, and economically. Gas Committee members work closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. departments of Energy and Transportation. The committee is comprised of members from commissions and energy organizations in the United States and Canada.

Commissioner Timothy Simon of the California Public Utilities Commission will also serve as Co-Vice Chair of the Committee, under the leadership of Chair G. O'Neal Hamilton of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Paul Suskie, Chairman of the Commission, stated “we are all proud of Commissioner Honorable’s appointment to this leadership position. Commissioner Honorable’s appointment is a testament to her leadership with utility issues not only in Arkansas, but across the United States.”

Commissioner Honorable indicated that “I look forward to serving in this leadership role to address natural gas utility issues that will affect ratepayers and utilities in Arkansas”.

For any questions concerning this release, please contact Ms. Colette D. Honorable, Commissioner at 501-682-1455 or Mr. John P. Bethel, Executive Director, at 501-682-1794.

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