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**Arkansas Public Service Commission Encourages Public Service for  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

(Little Rock) – The Arkansas Public Service Commission will join the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and other public utility commissions across the nation in recognizing the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 20, 2014 as a national day of public service.

“The Commission recognizes the importance of public service as part of celebrating the holiday honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King,” said Commission Chairman Colette Honorable, who currently serves as NARUC President. The Arkansas Public Service Commission joins with public utility commissions nationwide to help NARUC mark the sixth anniversary of its ‘Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve’ campaign commemorating Dr. King’s spirit of public service.

As part of the “Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve” campaign, Arkansas Public Service Commissioners and other Commission employees have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Pulaski County which provides simple, decent, affordable, and energy efficient housing for qualified low-income families in Pulaski County. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity of Pulaski County also operates its “ReStore” outlet centers which sell building materials and household items with proceeds from the sales supporting building homes. Arkansas Commissioners have also participated in “Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve” public service projects at recent NARUC meetings.

During the NARUC annual meeting last November, NARUC members assembled more than 500 packages containing everyday essentials such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and razors for those living in the Orlando, Florida area. For the upcoming NARUC winter meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. in February, NARUC is asking participants to donate shampoo and other hygiene essentials to

the Clean the World Foundation, Inc. Clean the World works with the hospitality industry by collecting hygiene products discarded from hotels and distributing them to those less fortunate.

Chairman Honorable added, “I encourage my fellow Arkansans to seek out opportunities to engage in service projects and serve in your communities as part of celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday.”

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