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CALIFORNIA PUC PRESIDENT MICHAEL R. PEEVEY APPOINTED VICE-CHAIR OF ENERGY MARKET BOARD

WASHINGTON, DC – NARUC’s President, Georgia Commissioner Stan Wise, has appointed President Michael R. Peevey of the California Public Utilities Commission as Vice-chair of the DOE/NARUC Energy Market Access Partnership Board. President Wise stated:

“I am delighted to appoint President Peevey to serve on this DOE/NARUC Partnership Board. I am confident that President Peevey’s experience and background will be valuable to the Board as it strives to create new opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses in the energy marketplace. I extend my congratulations to President Peevey and I offer my best wishes to the entire Board for its continued success.”

Maryland Commissioner Harold D. Williams, Chair of the DOE/NARUC Energy Market Access Partnership Board, said of the appointment, “I am excited for the opportunity to work with President Peevey to forward the objectives of this Board. President Peevey brings a lot to the EMAP Board as California has always been a frontrunner in providing opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses to gain access to the utility industry.”

“I am honored by this appointment and look forward to working with the members of the Board,” said President Peevey. “The California PUC recently held a successful hearing – “Renewing Our Commitment To Diversity,” and four of California’s largest utilities placed in Fortune Magazine’s top 50 best companies for minorities. I hope to share our program with other states and help the Board to create new opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses.”

Mr. Peevey is committed to maximizing energy efficiency and demand response opportunities and ensuring that California’s environment is protected. He is a strong supporter of renewable energy and renewable procurement requirements for utilities.

Michael R. Peevey was originally appointed to the PUC as a Commissioner by Governor Davis in March 2002 and as President of the PUC in December 2002. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Peevey was Chief Executive Officer of TruePricing Inc., a technology company focused on assisting companies and government entities to better control their energy costs. He also recently served on the Board of Directors of the Excelergy Corporation, an energy software company, and ElectroRent Corporation. From 1995 until 2000, Mr. Peevey was President of NewEnergy Inc., then the nation’s largest energy service provider. He also was a Public Affairs Consultant to Winner & Associates, Los Angeles, from 1993 until 1995. Prior to that, Mr. Peevey was President of Edison International and Southern California Edison Company from August 1990 to March 1993, and a senior executive beginning in 1984. Mr. Peevey has served on the boards of several corporations and non-profit organizations.

Earlier this year President Peevey was a recipient of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs’ prestigious Pat Brown Legacy Award, honoring outstanding individuals and organizations committed to public service.

In addition to hosting several regional dialogues, Board members have assisted with the adoption of the North American Energy Standards Board's (NAESB) Funds Transfer Agent Agreement for the Wholesale Gas and Electricity Quadrants. The Board envisions a reliable, competitive and efficient energy market that fully utilizes all marketer segments including women and minority enterprises (WMBEs) through increasing the knowledge of the significance of regulatory and entrepreneurial factors among all segments of the energy industry. For more information on the EMAP Board, please visit <http://www.naruc.org/emap/index.html>.

The Energy Market Access Partnership Board (EMAP) comprises 24 national leaders, including State utility commissioners, DOE officials, industry executives, small energy business entrepreneurs, and individuals from the public and private sectors. By bringing together high-profile energy decision-makers in an effort to accelerate the development of broader and more diverse energy market participation, the NARUC/DOE Energy Market Access Partnership Board is uniquely able to influence local, State, and Federal energy policy and catalyze broader marketplace participation by small energy businesses.

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889. Its members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty 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 and the Independent Federal agencies.

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