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Commissioner Brent Bailey attends first NARUC Winter Policy Summit of his term

JACKSON— Central District Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey announces his attendance at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Winter Policy Summit as a newly elected Commissioner.

Commissioner Bailey joined his colleagues and fellow Mississippi commissioners in Washington, D.C., this week along with a collection of more than 1,700 attendees and speakers from state and federal agencies, industry, advocacy organizations and more.

NARUC holds three membership-wide meetings each year, where members gather to set policy, share best practices and discuss crucial industry issues. The committee meetings and general sessions at the Winter Policy Summit provided the latest policy updates related to utility regulation and also key resolutions were discussed and approved by the board of directors at the conclusion of the meeting.

"The summit afforded me the opportunity to gather with other members of NARUC on a state, national and international level with a packed agenda," Commissioner Bailey said. "The summit included a significant time for an array of networking with my fellow state Commissioners and industry representatives. I was thrilled to see so many utility regulators from across the country who are also working to address our energy and utility priorities through the four days of committee meetings and general sessions."

As the current President of NARUC, Mississippi Commissioner Brandon Presley of the Northern District gave a welcoming at the New Commissioner Forum. "The forum provided an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about NARUC and its programs and I thank Commissioner Presley for welcoming us new commissioners. I also commend his dedication and achievements as Commissioner in expanding broadband opportunities to rural areas of Mississippi." Commissioner Bailey said.

As a newly elected Commissioner, NARUC paired Commissioner Bailey with a tenured Commissioner as his NARUC 2020 Ambassador - Idaho Public Utilities Commissioner Paul Kjellander. Commissioner Bailey said, "During my time with Commissioner Kjellander, who is in line to serve as the next President of NARUC, he shared invaluable information in relation to his experiences and wisdom collected throughout his service at the IPUC. Commissioner Kjellander will be a great fit for the president position as we share the same commitments to consumers and I look forward to building a constructive cross-country partnership with him."

Before the Monday morning general session, Commissioner Bailey joined Mississippi Commissioners Presley and Dane Maxwell in having the pleasure to visit with NARUC's special guest speaker, Mississippi's own U.S. Senator Roger Wicker.

"We have a shared vision to expand broadband services in Mississippi and I look forward to working with Congress, the public and private sectors, and my fellow Commissioners Presley and Maxwell to do so," Commissioner Bailey said. "Furthermore, the knowledge gained and ideas shared at the summit will make a difference in our work moving forward. I appreciate the opportunities and longstanding collaborations and partnerships of my colleagues as it was an honor attending the summit as a newly elected Commissioner for the Central District of Mississippi."

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