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News Release

Commissioner Stan Wise Elected President of National Utility Regulators Group

ATLANTA, November 20, 2003 – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise has been elected to a full one-year term as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Wise was elected President during the association's Annual Convention held in Atlanta November 16-19, 2003. More than 1,200 people including regulators, staff, consumer, public interest groups, energy professionals and industry representatives attended. The four-day convention pumped more than \$1 million into the metro Atlanta economy. Wise has been acting President after NARUC President David Svanda of the Michigan Public Service Commission stepped down in August

NARUC is a non-profit corporation found in 1889. Its members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interest of State public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government and the Independent federal agencies. Additionally, NARUC files briefs and pleadings before the U.S. Supreme Court and other Federal courts in support of State utility commission interests. NARUC also provides the Executive Branch with policy proposals and works with the Departments on the formulation of regulatory policies. NARUC works closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FCC, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, SEC, and the FTC to ensure that the State perspective is considered in their proceedings. The role of NARUC is becoming increasingly important as many issues involve Congress and the federal regulatory agencies.

Commissioner Wise is from Marietta, Georgia. He won re-election to his second six-year term on the Commission in November 2000. He served as Commission Chairman in 1997 and 1999.

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