

**FIRST ANNUAL REGULATORY CONFERENCE**  
For the Global Regulatory Network



**NARUC &**  
**Global Regulatory Network Program**

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# WHAT IS NARUC?

- The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is a quasi-governmental non-profit organization founded in 1889.
- Our Members include the state Commissions (government agencies) engaged in the regulation of American utilities and carriers in the 50+ states & territories. FERC and FCC are federal members. NARUC has Associate Members in over 20 other countries.
- NARUC members agencies regulate telecommunications, electricity, natural gas, and water utilities.

# WHAT DOES NARUC DO?

## 1. Legislative/lobbying activities.

- Outreach to Congress, Administration, other federal agencies.
- Communicate policy positions & resolutions.

## 2. Education & Training efforts.

- 3 annual meetings (regulators, industry, others)
- Camp NARUC/MSU; NRRI/OSU; PURC/UFL

## 3. Grants & Cooperative Agreement Programs.

- Domestic – energy & environmental
- International

# NARUC INTERNATIONAL

- NARUC realized the opportunity available to exchange information and best practices with regulators around the world. (NARUC is not a consulting co. and does not provide “technical assistance.”)
- 1996 – NARUC formalized its Committee on International Relations – meets 3 times/year. US Commissioners/Staff participate in all USAID Cooperative Agreement activities to share experiences and information with international regulators.
- 1998 – Entered into Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Agency for International Development, focused on Central Europe & former Soviet Union.

# NARUC ASSISTANCE TO ERRRA UNDER USAID FUNDING

- 1998 – Began organizing technical committee meetings, annual conference, e-newsletter, website for 12 energy regulators.
- Dec. 2000 – Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRRA) was created as non-profit professional development association.
- May 2003 – ERRRA has 19 Full Members, 4 Associate Members.

# ERRA – PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

[www.erranet.org](http://www.erranet.org)

To improve national energy regulation in member nations.

To foster development of stable energy regulation with authority and autonomy.

To improve cooperation among energy regulators.

To increase communication and information exchange among members.

To increase access to information and promote opportunities for training.

# ERRA – PLANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

- NARUC/USAID funding provides assistance through Sept. 2004.
- NARUC assists ERRA Secretariat with training development, administrative/conference organization, website development.
- NARUC and ERRA jointly searching for long-term funding solutions: grants, sale of publications/products, conferences, etc.

# NARUC REGULATORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- To provide more detailed information exchange between US and international regulators.
- 2-year partnerships between US Commissions and international regulators, funded by USAID.
- 2-way learning process.
- 3 exchange visits/year, internships & training opportunities, constant e-mail communication to seek solutions to mutual challenges.

# NARUC SEEKS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AROUND THE WORLD

- The Global Regulatory Network Program
  - Oct. 2002 – NARUC & USAID sign 3-year Cooperative Agreement.
  - To encourage information exchange and local capacity building for regulatory authorities and associations of regulatory authorities.
  - Potential areas: Southern Africa, Western Africa, Caribbean, Asia, Latin America.

# GLOBAL REGULATORY NETWORK – TASKS 1, 2

## 1. Regional Association Formation

- Potential Areas of Collaboration: structure, function, governing principles, funding issues, technical training, professional development, website development, etc.

## 2. Annual Meeting

- Goal: To start building a network of regulatory associations.
- This conference includes representatives of 4 associations – RERA, ERRA, OOCUR, NARUC.

# GLOBAL REGULATORY NETWORK – TASKS 3, 4

## 3. Technical Workshops & Training

- Southern Africa Forum for Energy Regulators, Utilities & Stakeholders – June 18-19
- Mini-PURC training in-region

## 4. Outreach & Information Exchange

- [www.globalregulatorynetwork.org](http://www.globalregulatorynetwork.org)
- E-newsletter

# CONCLUSION (I)

- Through the GRN program, NARUC seeks opportunities to collaborate with international regulatory authorities and associations of regulators to share best practices and experiences in utility regulation.
- NARUC is available to develop joint programs and provide assistance within the scope of our program.

## CONCLUSION (II)

- NARUC looks forward to developing collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with regulators from individual countries as well as associations of regulators.
- We thank USAID for the opportunity to work to develop a Global Regulatory Network to exchange regulatory experiences around the world.