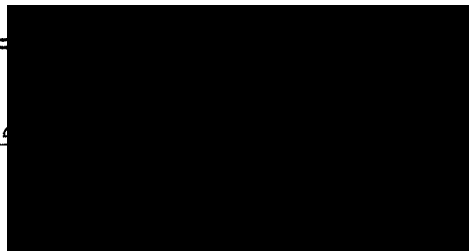


Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Travis Kaulla		
2. Your Title: President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: NARUC		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed NA		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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TRAVIS R. KAVULLA

VICE-CHAIRMAN & COMMISSIONER

JAN. 2011 – PRESENT

Montana Public Service Commission

Helena, MT

One of five commissioners responsible for regulating the rates and operations of electric, natural gas, and water public utilities as well as certain telecommunications companies and motor carriers in the State of Montana. The commission makes decisions on more than 100 dockets each year.

Elected to office in 2010 by the largest margin of any commissioner facing a contested election since the body's inception in 1974. Re-elected without opposition in Nov. 2014 to a term expiring in 2018.

Testify frequently in front of Montana's legislative committees, and twice before subcommittees of the U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee. Frequent speaker to both lay groups and to conferences of industry experts. Calendar of past engagements available upon request.

Currently serves as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), elected to that office by the nation's state utility commissioners. Other professional involvement includes leadership related to regional electric market developments and transmission expansion in the Western Interconnection (detailed below).

AFFILIATED ROLES TO SERVICE ON THE MONTANA PSC

PRESIDENT

NOV. 2015 – PRESENT

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Supervises the executive director and acts as CEO of the 126-year-old organization, with 40 staff devoted to improving the practice of utility regulation at the state level. Previously served as a board director of NARUC for several years.

Responsible for being the representative of state regulators to federal agencies such as FERC and the FCC, as well as to industry trade groups such as the Edison Electric Institute and the American Gas Association, and to other groups of state regulators, such as the organizations responsible for air-quality regulation.

Focus at NARUC is on several major initiatives involving electricity, including:

- Writing and publication of a "Compensation Manual for Distributed Energy Resources," such as a roof-top photovoltaic solar, in order to address controversies about cost-shifts in current net-metering policy.
- Analysis and response to the EPA's Clean Power Plan.
- Engagement with federal agencies in the design and regulation of the wholesale electricity markets.

Also involved in a number of major efforts in natural gas, telecommunications, and transportation regulation.

CO-CHAIR, NORTHERN TIER TRANSMISSION GROUP

JAN. 2013 – PRESENT

Elected as the co-chair of the NTTG Steering Committee, which provides policy guidance and directs FERC filings on behalf of the group. Its footprint includes PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Idaho Power, NorthWestern Energy, the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, and Deseret Generation & Transmission Cooperative.

The Steering Committee's work in the past several years has included debating and approving the region's filings in response to FERC's landmark Order 1000, requiring interstate transmission planning processes, as well as revisiting and improving the group's use of production cost modeling for the purposes of estimate the economic benefits of transmission expansion.

Online at <http://www.nttg.biz/>

CHAIRMAN, PUC EIM GROUP

JAN. 2012 – JULY 2015

Headed the leading regulatory effort to evaluate the costs and benefits of forming a real-time energy market across the dozens of balancing authorities in the Western United States. The Public Utility Commissioners Energy Imbalance (PUC EIM) Group included a member from each of the Western Interconnection's utility commissions. Also served on the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) EIM Transitional Committee, dedicated to creating a regional governance model to oversee the real-time energy market in the Western United States.

As a member and then chairman (since Dec. 2012) of the PUC EIM, the effort has seen considerable promise. The PUC EIM Group:

- Solicited market design and cost proposals from the Southwest Power Pool of Little Rock, AR and the CAISO, the latter of which was the basis of an agreement (early 2013) between PacifiCorp and CAISO to form a regional EIM.
- Provided the CAISO stakeholder process with state commissions' input on market design and governance of the regional EIM.
- Worked with FERC to obtain federal regulatory support and guidance on designing an EIM for the maximization of both economic-dispatch and reliability benefits.
- Helped to instigate the work of the Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) and the Southwest Variable Energy Resources Initiative in studying changes to the wholesale markets in those regions.
- Participated in numerous stakeholder processes, including those of CAISO, PacifiCorp, the Bonneville Power Administration, and the NWPP, and presented at dozens of meetings as a representative of the interconnection's regulators on EIM matters.

DIRECTOR, WESTERN ELECTRICITY COORDINATING COUNCIL (WECC) FEB. 2013 – FEB. 2014
MEMBER, MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE JAN. 2014 – NOV. 2015

Appointed to the WECC Board of Directors at a time when WECC, which is a regional entity under the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC), was undergoing a governance overhaul, bifurcating its reliability coordinator function from its standards, compliance auditing, and transmission planning functions. Acted as a strong advocate for bifurcation and the installation of an independent board of directors.

Served on the seven-member selection committee for WECC's new CEO. Elected by WECC Members to the Nominating Committee, responsible for the select of independent board directors. Online at <http://www.wecc.biz/>

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE JOURNALIST JULY 2008 – DECEMBER 2010

Contributed full-length pieces and reporting to a variety of sources, including *National Review*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Dallas Morning News*, Fox News, the *Times* of London, *Standpoint* magazine (UK), *The New Atlantis*, *Catholic World Report*, *The Claremont Review of Books* and other outlets. Based in England and Kenya in 2008 and 2009 and traveled widely in Africa, Europe, and South Asia. Special projects editor for National Review Online, July-November 2010, supervising five journalists.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR JAN. 2007 – OCT. 2007
National Review and *National Review Online* *New York, NY*

Began contributing while in college, and upon graduating became a member of the editorial staff of biweekly magazine of politics and culture, leaving to become a Gates Scholar at Cambridge. Continued to contribute after editorship.

EDUCATION

M.PHIL., HISTORY FALL 2007 – SUMMER 2008
University of Cambridge *Cambridge, England*

Gates Scholar, competitively awarded through the Gates Trust at Cambridge, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Considerable field research conducted in pursuit of thesis, a history of central economic planning and its early successes and failures in the British colonial world of the 1950s.

B.A., HISTORY SEPT. 2002 – JAN. 2007
Harvard University *Cambridge, Mass.*

Awarded diploma *cum laude* in the field of History. Graduated in January after spending Spring 2005 semester in Montana, organizing a political campaign.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONORS

- President & Director, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; President (Nov. 2015 – present); Director (January 2011 – present).
- Co-Chairman, Northern Tier Transmission Group Steering Committee; January 2013 – present.
- Member, Advisory Council, Electric Power Research Institute; Nov. 2014 – present.
- Chairman, Public Utility Commissioners Energy Imbalance Market Group, December 2011 – 2015 (Chairman since Dec. 2012).
- Director, Board of Directors, Western Electricity Coordinating Council; February 2013 – Feb. 2014
- Director & Treasurer, Board of Directors, National Regulatory Research Institute; May 2012 – Nov. 2014.
- Member, Advisory Council for Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University, November 2011 – present.
- Journalism Fellow; Phillips Foundation; July 2008 – July 2009 (currently known as the Robert Novak Fellow).
- Gates Cambridge Scholar; Gates Trust, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Cambridge, England.; 2007
- Rogers Family Fellow; Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, Mass.; 2006
- Publius Fellow; Claremont Institute; Claremont, Calif.; 2004