## 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)

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- 2. Your Title: Executive Director, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- 3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners State regulators in all US States, Territories and D.C. charged with the oversight of siting, construction, and rates of various power utilities.
- 4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity? (If "Yes," skip Item 5 and Item 6.)

  Yes

  No

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- 5. Grants, Contracts, and Payments
  - a. Please list any <u>Federal grants or contracts</u> that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received <u>on or after January 1, 2021</u>. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.

Cooperative agreement number: DE-NE0009043 (US DOE-NARUC "Nuclear Energy Partnership")

Period of performance: 1/15/21 - 1/14/26

Ceiling: \$1,160,000

Description: NARUC will utilize its expertise in state energy policy, planning, and analysis, as well as its unique position as a state convener to support the joint goals of the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) and NARUC's members. Through this partnership, NARUC will provide opportunities for state public service commissioners and commission staff to better understand barriers and opportunities related to the U.S. nuclear fleet. NARUC will enhance NE's ability to educate and inform state commissioners and staff on important issues surrounding the use of nuclear energy technologies. This project will include analysis on policy and regulatory issues related to nuclear generation, leading to educational briefs, workshops, and informational forums aimed at NARUC's state membership. The primary objective of this project is to educate NARUC's state members about the reliability and environmental attributes of existing nuclear generation and potential applications for advanced nuclear technologies. The Nuclear Energy Partnership will explore state strategies to preserve existing nuclear generation facilities. NARUC's analytical, policy support, and convening activities will focus on areas that are of high importance to the state public service commissions to enhance coordination between states and the federal government.

Throughout the DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership, the following types of educational activities will take place:

- Conducting Nuclear Energy Partnership dialogues at DOE or national laboratory facilities, nuclear electric generation facilities, or advanced nuclear research, development, and/or demonstration sites;
- Creating educational programming and resources to effectively share relevant information with state-level utility regulators through webinars, peer sharing calls, briefing papers, and related materials as appropriate;
- Conducting and supporting discussions at NARUC meetings (organized under the auspices of NARUC's
  Nuclear Issues Subcommittee and Staff Subcommittee within the Electricity Committee and Electricity
  Staff Subcommittee) addressing key policy issues around retention of existing nuclear plants and
  deployment of advanced nuclear technologies and related issues, featuring researchers as participants where
  appropriate; and
- Supporting Commission participation in DOE, national laboratory, or related nuclear energy forums, workshops, and research and development (R&D) collaboratives.

By building institutional networks and relationships between decision-makers who will affect both the retention of the existing nuclear fleet and the deployment of advanced nuclear energy technologies, this Partnership will be able to better coordinate technical, environmental, and economic issues relating to the use of nuclear energy and the options available to maintain its competitiveness in a diverse, reliable, environmentally friendly, and affordable energy mix.

With ongoing funding, the Partnership will have the capacity to convene engagement opportunities between public utility commissioners and other state and federal officials and to include emerging topics beyond those discussed to date.

- b. Please list any <u>contracts or payments originating with a foreign government</u> that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received <u>on or after January 1, 2021</u>. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.
- 1. Are you a fiduciary (i.e., authorized to act on behalf of or for the benefit of) for any entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? As explained in my testimony, NARUC's members have a fiduciary responsibility to ratepayers with respect to the siting, construction and operation of various power facilities.
- 2. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. Attached below.

Signature:

Date: April 8, 2024