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Landis Elected to Serve as State Chair

Commissioner to lead Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services

INDIANAPOLIS – Commissioner Larry S. Landis of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission was recently elected to serve as the State Chair for the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services Board.

The Joint Conference on Advanced Services is a board comprised of members of both the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (NARUC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The conference, reconstituted by FCC Chairman Kevin Martin in March, serves as a forum for an ongoing dialogue among federal and State commissioners and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities.

Seven NARUC members serve on the conference alongside FCC Commissioner Deborah Tate—Commissioners Landis, Chong and Mitchell, along with Commissioner Mark Johnson of Alaska, Commissioner Betty Ann Kane of the District of Columbia, Commissioner Krista Tanner of Iowa and Commissioner Vendean Vafiades of Maine.

Commissioner Landis was also recently appointed to the NARUC board of directors, which oversees the Association's general and financial functions and approves resolutions that serve as the Association's policy. In August 2003, Landis was named to NARUC's Telecommunications Committee. He served on NARUC's Legislative Task Force, charged with developing recommendations for a rewrite of the nation's telecommunications laws, was vice chair of NARUC's Intercarrier Compensation Task Force and was appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, where he is ranking state member. Landis is also a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

Landis was appointed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in January 2003 and was reappointed to a full term in July 2004. His current term ends in 2011.

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