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**WTA Congratulates Chris Nelson on Appointment to Chair NARUC's
Telecommunications Committee**

Washington, D.C. (January 3, 2013) – WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband congratulates South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's Vice Chairman Chris Nelson on his appointment to serve as Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's (NARUC) Telecommunications Committee.

“Through NARUC, state public utility commissions provide a vital voice in helping to shape our nation’s telecommunications policy,” said Derrick Owens, WTA’s Vice President of Government Affairs. “As Congress embarks on an update of this policy, WTA looks forward to working with Commissioner Nelson in his new role as leader of NARUC’s Telecommunications Committee to ensure telecom issues affecting states are taken into consideration.”

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