

News from the **Oklahoma Corporation Commission**

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Oklahoma Gains A New Voice

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Chairman Bob Anthony has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 made up of state governmental officials responsible for the regulation of utilities and carriers nationwide. NARUC's mission is to serve the public interest by improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation.

Anthony said he will use his position to continue to raise questions and voice concerns that require national attention.

“At a time when our critically important domestic oil and gas producers are under attack over issues like hydraulic fracturing and global warming, and alternative energy such as wind power is raising new questions and issues, it is essential that Oklahoma’s perspective be represented at national forums where dramatic and costly decisions are being made,” Anthony said.

Earlier this year, Anthony was successful in getting NARUC approval of a resolution supporting continued state regulation of hydraulic fracturing, a process critical to domestic natural gas and oil production.

First elected in 1988, Anthony is currently the longest-serving utility commissioner in the United States. He is immediate past-Chairman and a current Board member of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), which is the official research arm of NARUC. He is also past-President of the 15 state Mid-America Regulatory Conference, and a member of the Environmental Protection Agency/Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission Task Force.

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