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Christopher Ayers, Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff, Takes Over as President of NASUCA

Silver Spring, MD – Christopher Ayers, the utility consumer advocate for the State of North Carolina is the new President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) as of January 1, 2021. Mr. Ayers takes over from former NASUCA President Jackie Roberts, who is stepping down from her position as West Virginia Utility Consumer Advocate to serve as Federal Policy Advisor to the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Mr. Ayers was appointed Executive Director of the North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff by Governor Pat McCrory on July 1, 2013. He was reappointed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 1, 2019. The Public Staff represents the using and consuming public and investigates electric, gas, water, wastewater, and transportation matters before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Prior to joining the Public Staff, Mr. Ayers practiced law in Raleigh, North Carolina with the law firms of Poyner Spruill LLP from June 2009 to July 2013 and Hunton & Williams LLP from August 2003 to June 2009. He served a two-year term on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission from July 2011 through June 2013. He graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1999 and received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002. Mr. Ayers is a native of North Carolina and resides with his wife Rebecca in Wake County, North Carolina.

Mr. Ayers serves on the Consumer Advocates for the PJM States Board of Directors, the Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee, the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Executive Committee, the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board, Keystone Energy Board, and is Vice Chairman of the State Employees Credit Union Board of Directors.

NASUCA is a voluntary association of 58 consumer advocate offices in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Barbados. NASUCA's Full members are designated by the laws of their respective jurisdictions to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. NASUCA's Associate and Affiliate members also represent utility consumer interests. For more information, please see <http://nasuca.org/>.