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Mark Schuling, Iowa Consumer Advocate Takes Over as President of NASUCA

Silver Spring, MD – Mark Schuling, the utility Consumer Advocate for the State of Iowa is the new President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). Mr. Schuling takes over the Presidency from Elin Swanson Katz, the Connecticut Consumer Counsel who stepped down to take a position in private industry. Mr. Schuling has previously served as Secretary, Treasurer and most recently Vice President of NASUCA. Mark joins Iowa Utilities Board member Nick Wagner, currently the President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in leading their respective national associations.

Mr. Schuling was appointed by Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller as the Iowa Consumer Advocate in January 2011. He was previously a practicing attorney for over twenty years with the Brick, Gentry, Bowers, Swartz, Stoltze, Schuling & Levis Law Firm in Des Moines, and served as Director of the Iowa Department of Revenue from 2005 to 2011 under Governors Tom Vilsack and Chet Culver.

Mr. Schuling is also a Certified Public Accountant, a past president of the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA). He is a member of several energy related groups including serving as an Advisory Board Member to the Financial Research Institute located at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, an Advisory Council Member to the Center for Public Utilities, located in New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and as an Executive Committee Member to the Critical Consumer Issues Forum.

NASUCA is a voluntary association of 57 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/>.