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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION ELECTS NEW CHAIR

Raleigh, N.C. – Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-10(e), as amended by Session Law 2024-57, Section 3F.1.(a), Commissioner Karen M. Kemerait has been elected to serve as the Commission's chairman, effective immediately. Chair Kemerait was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term that commenced on May 2, 2022, and ends on June 30, 2027.

Born and raised in Indialantic, Florida, Chair Kemerait came to North Carolina to attend Davidson College, where she was captain of the cross country and track teams and was student government class president. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Davidson College and a Juris Doctor degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. After graduating from law school, she served as a law clerk for Judge Elizabeth McCrodden of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Chair Kemerait is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on NARUC's Critical Infrastructure Committee, Water Committee, and International Committee. She is an active member of the American Water Works Association and the NARUC-NASEO Comprehensive Electricity Planning Initiative. Additionally, she is a member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Chair Kemerait is a former Chair of the City of Raleigh Board of Adjustment and a member of the North Carolina Bar Association. She is active in a variety of civic and community organizations.

Chair Kemerait lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, and she has three sons.

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