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NUCA Announces Changes to the Chief Executive Officer

(Fairfax, Va.) – – The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) announced today that its chief executive officer Doug Carlson has submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors.

NUCA appreciates Mr. Carlson’s service and dedication to this association and our industry, and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors and goals. We are grateful for his dedication to the membership and the programs he brought to the association. Thanks to NUCA’s forward-thinking strategic planning and succession management, our Executive Committee is well-prepared to navigate this transition with confidence and enthusiasm, engaging a top-tier executive search firm to support our leadership in identifying the perfect candidate to carry our mission forward.

NUCA is also announcing the appointment of Chris Barrett as the interim chief executive officer. With her proven leadership and deep understanding of our organization, Ms. Barrett is poised to guide NUCA forward during this interim period, ensuring uninterrupted momentum as we seek a permanent CEO. We anticipate welcoming a new CEO as early as this fall, building on the organizational foundation laid by Mr. Carlson over the last five years.

Currently serving as NUCA’s chief operating officer since June 2016, Ms. Barrett brings a wealth of expertise to her interim role. As a key member of our executive leadership team, she has championed operational excellence, collaborating seamlessly with staff, members, Chapter leaders, and industry experts to drive meaningful outcomes for NUCA and America’s utility construction industry.

The NUCA Board of Directors and National staff are energized to continue advancing our association, delivering unparalleled benefits and opportunities to our members. We deeply value the support of our membership and eagerly invite your fresh ideas and insights as we work together to elevate and expand NUCA in the coming weeks and months.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.