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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Enhancing Sustainable Utility Regulation (ENSURE) program creates a means and structure whereby regulators from the developing world can discuss mutual challenges and examine best practices with their counterparts from the U.S. This NARUC/USAID Cooperative Agreement serves the international regulatory community by offering the ability to interact with counterparts through information and peer-to-peer exchanges between regulatory bodies and associations from around the world and across multiple sectors: energy, water, and telecommunications. As the U.S. boasts a history of multi-sector regulators, NARUC's members are ideally suited to discuss complex regulatory practices with foreign regulators from each of the utility sectors.

Summary of Activities

The ENSURE Cooperative Agreement was signed in the last quarter of FY09 (in July 2009). Following this NARUC staff submitted a work plan and budget based on obligated funding. NARUC also received a USAID Jordan buy-in obligation for its regulatory partnership with the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) in Jordan. In addition, NARUC contacted the USAID Missions in Nigeria, Jordan, and Nicaragua to explore potential buy-in opportunities. Lastly, NARUC contacted the following international regulatory bodies and associations: Association of Central American Energy Regulators (ACERCA), Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA), Nigerian Energy Regulatory Commission, and Energy Regulatory Commission of Jordan to begin exploring their interest in participating in future NARUC activities under ENSURE.

No other activities took place in FY09.