

Resolution on NARUC Co-Sponsorship of a 1996 Forum on Global Climate Change

WHEREAS, Atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases are rising and are projected to continue to increase; *and*

WHEREAS, There is continuing scientific debate as to the scope and pace of global climate change resulting from anthropogenic contributions of greenhouse gases; *and*

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the NARUC is committed to a full and vigorous debate including all stakeholders and considering all alternatives regarding the mitigation of anthropogenic greenhouse gases, adaptation policies and other global climate change measures; *and*

WHEREAS, The potential economic impacts of greenhouse gas mitigation measures being considered on the national and international level are of considerable importance since mitigation costs could be substantial and will necessarily be borne in large part by each state; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC has Non Government Organization status and continuing presence at negotiations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; *and*

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio, the Ohio Biomass Energy Program and the U.S. Department of Energy are convening a Forum on Global Climate Change in Columbus, Ohio, September 16 and 17, 1996; *and*

WHEREAS, In this Forum, world experts and government representatives will inform state commissions and other interested parties of the economics of climate change mitigation strategies, current and future joint implementation activities, biomass to energy programs and climate change, and the most recent scientific opinion and international negotiations regarding global climate change; *and*

WHEREAS, This Forum is being offered at no charge to participants; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC), convened at its 1996 Summer Meeting in Los Angeles, California, co-sponsor, with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Biomass Energy Program and the U.S. Department of Energy, the Forum on Global Climate Change; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC encourages state utility commission participation in this conference to enhance knowledge of the critical environmental and cost implications of global climate change, and understanding of the important role of state utility regulators in addressing this issue.

Sponsored by the Committees on Electricity and Energy Conservation, and the Ad Hoc Committee on International Relations
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