

Data Gathering Resolutions

WHEREAS, On February 24, 1999, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC Board of Directors) adopted a resolution supporting “federal efforts to collect consistent data on local competition and broadband deployment on a State-by-State basis”; *and*

WHEREAS, On October 22, 1999, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in CC Docket 99-301 seeking comment on the need for a mandatory information collection about the status of competition for local telephone services and deployment of broadband services; *and*

WHEREAS, Section 706 of the federal Telecommunications Act directs the Commission and each State commission to encourage the deployment on a reasonable and timely basis of advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to consistent, comprehensive, and reliable information about the status of competition for local telecommunications services and broadband deployment will enhance the ability of policy makers to develop, evaluate, and revise policy in these dynamic markets; *and*

WHEREAS, The NPRM tentatively concludes that a federal information collection concerning the status of local competition and broadband deployment would benefit Federal and State policymakers, consumers, and others; *and*

WHEREAS,

RESOLVED, That NARUC directs its General Counsel to provide a copy of this resolution to the FCC.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
Adopted by the Board of Directors, March 8, 2000