

***Resolution Supporting the Thought Leadership Forum on the E-Regulation of the Nation's
Public Utilities***

WHEREAS, Electronic information technologies are reshaping commerce, the delivery of government services, and the interaction between citizens and their governments; *and*

WHEREAS, The delivery and regulation of utility services are vital to the well-being of citizens and the economic well-being of the states and the nation; *and*

WHEREAS, Many State public utility commissions have enhanced their internal information systems and are in the process of integrating electronic information technologies into the process of regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Effective public utility regulation in a rapidly evolving market will require the exchange of information among jurisdictions and new and better sources of information for consumers and policy makers; *and*

WHEREAS, Policy makers, regulators, consumers, and utility service providers all stand to benefit from the cost-effective application of electronic information technologies to the regulatory process; *and*

WHEREAS, National and international cooperation and coordination will be necessary if electronic information systems are to be applied to their maximum benefit; *and*

WHEREAS, The National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) is sponsoring a thought-leadership forum at the Fisher College of Business at the Ohio State University on the e-regulation of the nation's public utilities on April 2-3, 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, This forum will bring together leaders from State and federal regulatory commissions, the utilities, and experts in information technology to examine issues related to the application of electronic information systems to the public utility regulation and develop a mechanism for ongoing collaboration; *and*

WHEREAS, This forum has been endorsed by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittees on Executive Management, Information Services, and Competition and Performance Assessment; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Director of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 2002 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., endorses the NRRI's thought leadership forum on e-regulation and expresses its appreciation for NRRI's leadership in this important issue.

Sponsored by the Committee on Finance and Technology

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