

Resolution Recognizing Cooperative Efforts in Support of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness

WHEREAS, In October, 1998 the Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness was established by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners to coordinate and enhance the efforts of its member State public utility commissions in protecting the public interest and in directing preparations for Y2K in the jurisdictional electric, telecommunications, natural gas, and water and wastewater industries; and

WHEREAS, Issues posed by the Y2K computer conversion problem presented risks for these utility industries in virtually every aspect of their business and service delivery operations, cutting across multiple levels of regulatory and jurisdictional oversight; and

WHEREAS, These industries provide the basic infrastructure upon which other sectors of the economy rely and depend; and

WHEREAS, In many cases, especially in the electric and telecommunications industries, companies performed early assessment of their risk exposures, and then committed extensive time and capital in order to achieve a seamless transition from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000, ultimately resulting in there being no impairment of the reliability or safety of the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy, or of the reliability, transmission and completion of telecommunications signals during the transition or following the transition, and also resulting in strategic and operational improvements to the companies themselves due to the

comprehensive review; and

WHEREAS, Direct participation in NARUC's Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness included commissioners and staff of NARUC member commissions, officials of State and federal agencies, representatives of industry trade associations and industry executives in the electric, telecommunications, natural gas, water and waster industries; and

WHEREAS, NARUC's Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness received the support of executives and key decision-makers in these sectors as well the support of key research and consumer organizations, and was offered an integral role in vital national public policy forums; and

WHEREAS, NARUC's Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K benefited directly and substantially from assistance and guidance offered by the President's Council on Y2K Conversion, and its Director, John Koskinen, as well as key members including FCC Commissioner Michael Powell, U.S. Department of Energy Secretary William Richardson, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman James Hoecker, in addition to the national focus generated for Y2K by the President's Council; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this unprecedented collaboration and cooperation, the Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness played an important role in facilitating best practices and information exchange within and among State, federal, and local government agencies, and across divergent industry sectors, resulting in collaboration on Y2K solutions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its March 2000 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff, the various participants, and the industry and governmental representatives who contributed to the accomplishments of its Ad Hoc Task Force on Y2K Readiness, but more importantly for their contributions to the nation's successful transition to the Year 2000.

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