

***Resolution on the Role of Research and Development to Ensure the United States' Domestic Energy Future***

**WHEREAS**, It is in the nation's long-term interest to maintain a secure and reliable domestic energy infrastructure that ensures our commitment to energy independence and to environmental protection; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Research and development is fundamental to the continued creation and promotion of new advanced technologies that will meet these expectations; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The nation's preeminent organizations, including, but not limited to, the Electric Power Research Institute, the Gas Technology Institute, the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center, the Iowa Energy Center, the University of Central Florida Solar Energy Center, the Rutgers Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy, the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation, the University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies, and our various national laboratories deserve continued public and private support to enable them to successfully fulfill their public interest mission; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The nation must renew its commitment to the active promotion of advanced technologies and recognize the central role in this regard to be played by our nation's various research institutions; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Collaborative funding and coordinated public and private efforts will accelerate the development and timely deployment of the technologies needed to meet the nation's energy infrastructure challenges; *and now therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its February 2005 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., directs its Executive Director and staff to pursue a formal lobbying strategy that will achieve these research and development objectives by obtaining further support for institutions involved in research and development of technologies that will serve to improve our nation's energy supply and delivery infrastructure to help secure the United States' domestic energy future.

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