

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Gas at its 2000 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, DC, received a report from David W. Biegler, President and Chief Operating Officer, TXU, concerning reliability of supply and the outlook for natural gas demand; and

WHEREAS, Natural gas is a clean and efficient fuel, the increased use of which could help the nation meet its economic and national security goals by reducing oil imports by over 2 million barrels a day which translates into annual savings of \$20 billion; and

WHEREAS, Using more natural gas can help ease a number of environmental concerns – greenhouse gas emissions, acid rain, smog, solid waste and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, A newly prepared American Gas Foundation analysis, Fueling the Future: Natural Gas and New Technologies for a Cleaner 21st Century (discussed by David Biegler), demonstrates that new and existing technologies will help increase consumption of natural gas by almost 60 percent by 2020 and consumption patterns will change dramatically, especially the number of business entities turning to natural gas fueled on-site power, such as fuel cells and microturbines; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its March 2000 Winter Meeting in Washington,

D.C., recognizes and recommends that its members in their public policy deliberations, consider the findings contained in *Fueling the Future: Natural Gas and New Technologies for a Cleaner 21st Century*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC commends the American Gas Foundation for having this study prepared as a valuable contribution to the body of information that will guide public policy decision-makers in their energy policy choices and further for making this study available to all NARUC members and staff at www.fuelingthefuture.org.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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