

Resolution Regarding Interconnection Standards

WHEREAS, *Historically, any time a new entrant has been allowed into a regulated market, the technical standards of interconnection have been carefully and completely published by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), such as in the case of the RJ11 modular plug in Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Part 68 at the time of customer premises equipment (CPE) interconnection and deregulation; and*

WHEREAS, *The telephone industry is continually attracting new entrants that may need to interconnect to the telephone network; and*

WHEREAS, *There are numerous proceedings pending before the FCC, such as Open Network Architecture (ONA) and the petition by Metropolitan Fiber Systems, Inc., in which consumers are asking for regulators to establish or cause to be established uniformity and standards; and*

WHEREAS, *There is no one standard, even for traditional telephone services, that is publicly available and enforced ubiquitously nationwide by State and Federal regulators; and*

WHEREAS, *The telephone industry is a technical industry and requires precise, detailed, published standards that must be followed by all involved parties in order to continue to provide high quality telephone service to the public; and*

WHEREAS, *Any codification of standards will require the input of all affected parties and will need regulatory oversight to insure that all parties comply with whatever standards are developed and published; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), assembled at its 1990 Summer Committee Meeting in Los Angeles, California, urges the FCC to work jointly with existing standards organizations and State regulators to ensure that interconnection standards are developed.*

*Sponsored by the Committee on Communications
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