

WHEREAS, Kathryn C. Brown has served the public interest from numerous positions ranging from the New York Public Service Commission to the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Before Kathy started her meteoric federal career, she wisely chose to get a firm grounding in the "real world" by serving first as the Deputy Clerk and Chief Legal Assistant of the Court at the New York State Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Having learned everything there was to know about appellate work, Kathy, foreseeing her future as Associate Administrator at NTIA and big time FCC honcho, and understanding the deplorable deficit, at the federal level, of "real world" experience dealing with actual rate-papers, the actual market conditions, and the related State regulatory initiatives that federal rules often inadvertently disrupt, she decided she'd better find out more about telephone regulation from those that know it the very best, a.k.a., *the State commissions*, and snagged a job at the New York PSC serving for three years as Director of the Public Service Commission's Consumer Services Division, focusing on efforts to promote local competition and consumer protection; *and* slipping in some time as a Managing Attorney and Litigation Attorney with the Office of General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that ever since Pat Worthy left NARUC, SOMEBODY had to keep Larry Irving (and the FCC) in line and connected to the world beyond the beltway, she took on the job of Associate Administrator of the Office of Policy

Analysis and Development at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, While at NTIA, Brown was responsible for formulating and advancing the Administration's position on implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – focusing on local competition, universal service and access charge reform, digital television, Internet telephony, and spectrum auctions and filing reams of comments with the FCC on implementation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, When it became clear the FCC was having difficulties following NTIA's clear and explicit instructions, Kathy decided to move there to take over as Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Finally, in her most recent "big leap," Kathy jumped to be Chairman William E. Kennard Chief of Staff – winning numerous friends just by making sure that John Nakahata couldn't come back; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her regulatory career, Kathy has been a leader in bringing together industry and economic interests and federal and State regulators to better understand and support each other's missions; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its 2001 Winter Meeting in Washington D.C., extends its sincere appreciation to Kathy for all of her contributions, in all of her capacities; and all her assistance to

NARUC, *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Telecommunications wishes Kathy all the best in her endeavors in the years to come.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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