

Resolution Honoring Paul Vasington

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, Paul Vasington has held the title of Intern, Analyst, Director of Telecommunications, Commissioner, and Chairman, and the agency has run out of new titles to give him, so he has to leave; and

WHEREAS, The competitive telecommunications market and broadband deployment grew steadily during Chairman Vasington's tenure, although Chairman Vasington himself stopped growing when he was about eight years old; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Vasington's departure deprives NARUC of a true free-market advocate, leaving behind nothing but a bunch of regulators; and

WHEREAS, When Chairman Vasington talks about "The Clash" he isn't referring to CLECs vs. RBOCs; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Vasington is that most evolved species of regulator, one who intervenes where the public interest requires, but who understands that the public interest is sometimes best served by the least intervention; and

WHEREAS, His colleagues at NARUC have benefited from Chairman Vasington's knowledge of and experience in complex matters of economics and policy and from his ability to translate these complexities in a way that the rest of us understand, and now it is time for us to set him loose upon the world; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners(NARUC), convened in its July 2003 Summer Meeting in Denver, Colorado, extends its congratulations and sincere appreciation to Chairman Paul Vasington for his exemplary leadership and dedicated public service, and for all his efforts to extend the benefits of competitive telecommunications and energy marketplaces to all consumers.

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