

Resolution Honoring Rob Berntsen

WHEREAS, Commissioner Rob Berntsen was appointed to the Iowa Utilities Board and named Chairman by then Governor Chet Culver in March 5, 2009; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen served on the NARUC Electricity Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen was Secretary of the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors and at-large member for the OMS Executive Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen was Iowa's designee on the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council, as well as one of EISPC's representatives to the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative's Stakeholder Steering Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen was an Advisory Council member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen, a native of Marion, Iowa, began working for the State of Iowa in 1999 in the Iowa Secretary of State's Office where he became Deputy Secretary of State; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen was the State director of the John Edwards for President Iowa caucus campaign in 2003, *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen was a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps and in 2005 was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as Chief of Administrative Law for the 3rd COSCOM. Berntsen completed his service in Iraq in 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, there is no truth to the rumor that Rob was the inspiration for the movie "A Few Good Men" or for the TV show "JAG" as he served in the U.S. Army JAG and not the Navy JAG; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen served as corporate counsel for Vectren Corporation, an energy utility holding company based in Evansville, Indiana; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa's College of Law and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University; *and*

WHEREAS, Research in Motion has decided to enshrine Rob's Blackberry in its Hall of Fame for "taking more punishment than any mobile device has taken or should take" and whose stock plunged when he switched to a Droid; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen ostensibly walked the walk with his gas efficient Prius, when he really just wanted a close parking spot at the IUB; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen exemplifies the term "marrying up" by his marriage to the brilliant and lovely Stephanie, and has two exceptional children, Eleanor and Henry; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berntsen resigned from the Iowa Utilities Board to join MISO as Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Midwest Region; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2012 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends congratulations and thanks to Commissioner Berntsen for his years of dedicated public service to the State of Iowa and NARUC; sincerest appreciation for his contributions and friendship; and great encouragement in future endeavors.

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