## **Resolution on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Development and Deployment**

**WHEREAS**, The United States continues to import an increasing amount of oil, primarily for transportation; alternative vehicles powered by electricity or natural gas from domestic sources can help our country reduce its dependence on oil from unstable foreign sources; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Studies (including an Electric Power Research Institute/National Resources Defense Council study and a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Institute study) show that widespread adoption of both plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and natural gas vehicles (NGVs) could significantly reduce oil consumption from unstable foreign sources by millions of barrels of oil per day; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, By reducing the need to import oil from unstable regions, alternative fuel vehicles, such as plug-in electric vehicles and natural gas vehicles, are a key element in ensuring long-term United States energy security; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Alternative fuel vehicles use less or no gasoline and they release fewer emissions; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Alternative fuel vehicles provide energy security and environmental benefits; issues concerning affordability, deployment, infrastructure, and technology need to be addressed; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, State and federal laws and policies can help facilitate the widespread adoption of alternative vehicles; *now, therefore be it* 

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at in 2011 Summer Committee Meetings in Los Angeles, California, recognizes that alternative vehicles can provide national energy security and reduce emissions; *and be it further* 

**RESOLVED**, That NARUC urges State and federal policymakers to give due consideration to the potential value of developing and deploying alternative fuel vehicles and to work together to address issues that impede development and deployment.

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