

Resolution Honoring Ron Eachus of Oregon

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus served as Commissioner and Chair of the Oregon Public Utilities Commission since 1987, and during his tenure the Oregon PUC became nationally and internationally recognized as a leading source of regulatory policy and practice; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's commitment to the public interest is demonstrated by his service as Chair of NARUC's Committee on Energy Conservation (now called the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment), co-founder and Chair of the Committee on International Relations, and as a member of the Committee on Electricity and the NARUC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's consistent leadership and clear vision have played a key role in the enormous growth of NARUC's international programs; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus was vital to NARUC's Regional Energy Regulatory Program for Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia and is the founding grand-daddy of the newly-established Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA); and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus has also represented NARUC (and, of course, Oregon's foreign policy) around the globe through his extensive travel and work with NARUC's international relations program; and

WHEREAS, In the course of setting NARUC's all-time record

for international junkets, Ron Eachus always stopped in Amsterdam no matter where he was coming from or going, thereby proving that he is actually the world's greatest living expert on Rembrandt, tulip bulbs and certain other of society's refinements; and

WHEREAS, While Ron Eachus understood and cared about the details of regulation, he also pursued the big picture, promoting dialogue with the financial community, puzzling through the issues of carbon reduction, and building relationships with utility regulators around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's clear sense of priorities, courage, willingness to take risks to support "the right thing", and bulldog-like tenacity led to greater transparency in NARUC decision-making (and largely kept the Board of Directors honest); and

WHEREAS, As a member of NARUC's Board of Directors, Ron Eachus stood his ground on issues of governance, even when he stood alone; and

WHEREAS, Rumor has it that Ron Eachus will use his extensive parliamentary knowledge (demonstrated in part by his record-setting number of motions at Board of Directors' meetings) to write a book on obscure aspects of Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's dedication to playing tennis is matched only by his international travel budget; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus has been a dogged "stand up"

supporter of efficiency and renewables, and has often been encouraged to "stand up" even when already on his feet; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's hair length has been a stochastic variable not related to the presence or absence of the Oregon legislature in session in Salem; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus's verbal torrents have included as many as 26 ideas and 14 questions in a single statement, during which he did not appear to take any breaths of air; and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus has torched opponents and delighted supporters with press quips and quotes of note, but did not say, contrary to rumors, that Qwest's regulatory strategy amounts to "Drop dead. Have a donut."; and

WHEREAS, No one familiar with Ron Eachus's well-deserved reputation as a tough negotiator would believe he has a soft side (as demonstrated by his stuffed animal collection); and

WHEREAS, Ron Eachus has recently left the Oregon Public Utilities Commission and, by extension, NARUC; and

WHEREAS, The ERE Committee and NARUC will greatly miss Ron's fearlessness, determination, incorruptibility, intelligence, persistence, and reluctance to wear a tie; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its July 2001 Summer Meeting in Seattle, Washington, hereby commends and thanks Ron Eachus for his years of service to the organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Committee on International Relations wish Ron all the best in his endeavors in the years to come.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 18, 2001.