

***Resolution Supporting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Natural Gas  
STAR Program***

**WHEREAS,** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Natural Gas STAR Program is a voluntary government/industry partnership designed to accomplish environmental protection through cost effective measures which reduce methane gas emissions into the atmosphere; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The natural gas industry accounts for ten percent of the total United States methane emissions; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The program encourages the use of "best management practices" that can reduce emissions by both local distribution companies (LDC) and gas pipeline companies (PL); *and*

**WHEREAS,** When the Natural Gas STAR Program is fully underway, up to one million metric tons of methane may be reduced industry wide - the carbon equivalent of removing three million automobiles from the nation's roads; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In the Natural Gas STAR Program the local distribution company partners agree to the implementation of a direct inspection and maintenance program at surface facilities and the identification and rehabilitation of leaking gas mains and services; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In the Natural Gas STAR Program the pipeline transmission company partners agree to implement inspection and maintenance programs at compressor stations; to consider the use of turbines at compressor stations in place of reciprocating engines; and to identify and replace high-bleed pneumatic controllers with no or low-bleed devices; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1995 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., does hereby endorse the Natural Gas STAR Program on the basis of its positive effect on the environment and also on the basis of the improvement in safety resulting therefrom.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Gas  
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