

Resolution Honoring Steve Mecham

WHEREAS, Commissioner Steve Mecham has faithfully served the citizens of the State of Utah as a member of the Utah Public Service Commission from March 1989 until September 1991. He left the Commission in 1991 to serve as the Chief of Staff for Governor Norman H. Bangerter, and subsequently returned to the Commission as Chairman from October 1992 until May 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham has been an active member of the Telecommunications Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) during his tenure with the Utah Commission; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham has made significant contributions to the advancement of Telecommunications policies. He served as a member of the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Fund Administration, established by the FCC. He was also one of the "Monsters of the ROC", giving substantial time and Commission resources to support and help lead key issues in the Qwest Regional Oversight Committee. He most recently served on the Executive Committee of the ROC multi-state OSS test; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham became president of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners in 1996. During his tenure, he provided fiscal responsibility and successfully hosted the 1996 Conference in Snowbird, Utah; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham is recognized for his

thoughtful, balanced, and courteous manner. The respect that he earned as a Commissioner reflected well on the Utah Commission and NARUC. He is also the only Commissioner who can break into a rendition of a Beatles song while discussing unbundled network elements; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham has devoted more years to public service than many can imagine. He has accrued many friends and admirers during his career and one can often hear his boisterous laugh whenever he is anywhere in the vicinity. He was recruited to the Telecommunications Committee because, according to Commissioner Rowe, "when Mecham speaks, people listen;" and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mecham received a recognition award from the Honorable Governor Michael O. Leavitt for his many "Drumming Dog" renditions at the Utah Public Service Commission. For the first time, he now has time to "howl at the moon." With any luck he will go on tour with one of his musical heroes, Neil Young, ("Godfather of Grunge" according to Steve who seems to know), and Pearl Jam (a rock group, Steve explains, not an expensive condiment); 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 Meetings in Denver, Colorado, recognizes the exemplary abilities and efforts of Commissioner Mecham and offers its sincere thanks for his distinguished public service on behalf of NARUC and the State of Utah and extends best wishes to him in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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