

Resolution on Federal Legislation for Collaborative Research and Development Tax Credits

WHEREAS, Legislation has been proposed in the United States congress which would alter and, in fact, improve the opportunities for tax credits for collaborative research by the gas and electric industries; *and*

WHEREAS, That legislation would modify existing legislation which, while providing for tax credits for certain research performed by individuals, does not provide adequate incentives for collaborative research; *and*

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation, which certain additional modifications, will encourage new research on projects which can only be pursued collaboratively, provide an incentive to reduce duplication and overcome existing barriers which discourage collaborative research; *and*

WHEREAS, The specific modification necessary to assure receptivity within the research community is to provide for a 20 percent flat tax credit for contributions to collaborative research; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1999 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, supports legislation which provides incentives to the research community to conduct collaborative research; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the legislation provide specifically for a 20 percent flat tax credit for contributions to collaborative research.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 23, 1999