

Resolution Honoring Thom Pearce

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has enthusiastically provided wise leadership for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Gas, by assuring that its meetings and conference calls would be of vital interest and usefulness to all of its members and the organizations they represent; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has served to provide outstanding assistance, through his initiative, leadership and professionalism to the Chair and Members of the NARUC Gas Committee for three years from July 2001 through December 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has assisted and led many of the projects completed for the NARUC Committee on Gas, the NARUC/U.S. Department of Energy LNG partnership, and the NARUC Natural Gas Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS, As a member of the NARUC Ad Hoc Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure, Thom Pearce has provided essential advice for NARUC projects on gas curtailment and energy assurance planning; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has ably represented the interests of NARUC and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio through his participation in the meetings and conference calls of the North American Energy Standards Board, and as a member of its Advisory Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has served as a valued member of the NARUC Advisory Board and program faculty of the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has earned the respect of his NARUC colleagues through his participation as an instructor in the NARUC-sponsored U.S. Agency for International Development programs in Kiev, Ukraine and Zagreb, Croatia, and as a Distinguished Speaker for the Wisconsin Public Utilities Institute's Energy Basics Course; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has served as a dedicated and tireless member of the Staff Subcommittee on Gas, most recently for three years as Vice Chair and three years as Chair; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has served the state of Ohio for twenty years, most recently as Senior Natural Gas Specialist for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has been recognized for the quality of his work at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by being named the Employee of the Month in May, 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from Marietta College and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School; *and*

WHEREAS, Thom Pearce has constantly demonstrated in his daily life the characteristics of a true gentleman, a caring person, a dedicated father and husband, and a true friend to his State and NARUC peers; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and the NARUC Committee on Gas and its Staff Subcommittee on Gas, convened at its February 2005 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincerest appreciation to Thom Pearce for his years of service in advancing the public good, and wishes him good fortune, happiness, and prosperity in all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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