

A Resolution on the Application of Risk Management to Gas Pipeline Safety Programs

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Pipeline Safety Act, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), through its Office of Pipeline Safety, developed regulations which established performance standards for the construction, operation and maintenance for the natural gas industry; *and*

WHEREAS, The Act provided for state regulatory agencies to monitor and enforce those performance standards under a state/federal agreement which provided federal funding for such enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS, The success of the program is evidenced by the commendable safety record which the natural gas industry has enjoyed since establishment of the Act; *and*

WHEREAS, Members of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, working in conjunction with the Gas Research Institute have developed a series of steps and procedures which will evaluate the potential for a Risk Management plan for the natural gas industry; *and*

WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the customers of the natural gas industry, as well as the residents of the communities in which natural gas lines exist, to determine how risk management plans and procedures could supplement, improve and enhance USDOT and state gas pipeline safety programs; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, By the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) at its 107th Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, that the Office of Pipeline Safety be encouraged to review the application of Risk Management to the natural gas industry, and to recommend Risk Management procedures which can be considered by the natural gas industry and considered by state agencies for their determination that such programs are in the public interest; *and, be it further*

RESOLVED, That the natural gas industry, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) and State Regulatory Agencies, under the auspices of NARUC, review the application of risk management to gas pipeline safety programs and submit their recommendations to the Committee on Gas and USDOT.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas
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