Resolution Concerning The FCC's
Automated Report Management Information System (ARMIS)

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has established an automated electronic system for collecting, in a logical and consistent manner, financial and operating data required to administer accounting, joint cost, jurisdictional separations, rate base disallowances and access charge rules that is commonly referred to as ARMIS; and

WHEREAS, NARUC has petitioned the FCC and requested that the electronic information be made publicly available, and the FCC has granted NARUC's request; and

WHEREAS, NARUC has supported the development of the electronic system for collecting such information, and has requested in a resolution that the FCC work with the States to maintain the necessary data to reflect appropriate and necessary State related information, and actual financial information; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the FCC during the recent Federal/State summit agreed to work with the States to set up a data base of information concerning communications issues affecting both the State and Federal regulators; and

WHEREAS, The State and Federal staffs have reviewed with industry, consumers and other possible users of ARMIS the possibility of developing what was requested by NARUC in past resolutions on this subject and found that the system design is possible and needed; and

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on Accounts, Subcommittee on Cost Allocations, Subcommittee on Communications and the Subcommittee on Computers all support the development of a single electronic data system available to the States; and

WHEREAS, The FCC Staff as well as MCI have been willing to help the States develop the final procedures and data processing and planning necessary to cause the system to be usable by not only the States but all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, The financial information can be set up to not only be available in electronic form but also available on a dial up basis through the e-mail system provided to NARUC by the Michigan Public Service Commission for a one time cost of less than $10,000 to purchase a PC to store the data; and, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., continues to support the public availability of the ARMIS information in the most economical way possible and thanks the FCC for granting the NARUC's petitions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC thanks MCI for its support of the State regulators in trying to make the regulatory process more efficient and developing a data base that will facilitate regulators in performing their functions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC, MCI and any other interested parties work cooperatively to help the State commission staff members on the Subcommittee on Cost Allocations to develop the final processes and procedures to make the system publicly available with the financial information that is usable to the States by the 1991 Winter Meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC provide financial assistance not to exceed $10,000 to provide a personal computer that will contain the ARMIS information so that it may be accessed by all regulators and interested parties through the e-mail provided by the Michigan Public Service Commission and used by the State regulators and FCC, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC shall make a reasonable charge to each non-NARUC member for accessing the ARMIS information through the NARUC computer and, upon the establishment of a billing system to collect such charges, the above expenditure may be made by the NARUC; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC be contacted by the NARUC General Counsel to see if the FCC could financially assist NARUC in making this data publicly available.

Sponsored by the Committee on Communications and
Amended by the Subcommittee on Association Finance and Organization
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