

Resolution Congratulating Gas Research Institute on 20 Years of Service

WHEREAS, Gas Research Institute (GRI) was founded in July 1976 to serve all gas consumers of this nation by managing a cooperative research, development and commercialization program for the mutual benefit of natural gas customers and the industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Gas Research Institute has sought the guidance, advice and counsel of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and has had State regulators on its Advisory Council throughout its history; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC has supported the concept and reality of cooperative research and development by resolutions of August 1979, November 1988, March 1989, March 1992, November 1992, March 1995 and February 1996; *and*

WHEREAS, GRI has demonstrated its value to all gas consumers and the industry by conducting an R&D program of the highest quality and with a benefit to cost ratio to the ratepayer in excess of 6 to 1; *and*

WHEREAS, In July 1996, GRI completed its second decade of service to the gas industry and its customers; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC continues to support cooperative R&D and GRI should continue to manage an R&D program to enable the gas industry to continue to serve all customers with the highest degree of reliability, maximum economic efficiency and minimum impact on the environment; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1996 Summer Committee Meetings in Los Angeles, California, recognizes and congratulates Gas Research Institute for its twenty years of gas research, development and commercialization and for the benefits it has provided to gas customers and society; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC calls upon the gas industry to continue its historic support of a strong collaborative R&D effort for the benefit of the nation's gas consumers.

Sponsored by the Committees on Energy Conservation and Gas
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