

Resolution in Support of Establishing a Consensus National Monitoring and Verification Protocol

WHEREAS, Monitoring and verification protocols are the vehicles which define and measure the effectiveness of energy efficiency installations, and consequently help determine the quality and reliability of energy efficiency retrofits; *and*

WHEREAS, At least three states (including California, New Jersey and New York) already have differing protocols, as do EPA and Bonneville Power Authority; *and*

WHEREAS, A number of additional states are developing their own protocols which may be incompatible; *and*

WHEREAS, Incompatible protocols create an unnecessary impediment to energy efficiency programs, such as those of utilities that work in several states; *and*

WHEREAS, A single protocol could simplify the review process for utility commissions; *and*

WHEREAS, Existing protocols could be improved by a coordinated national effort to establish a single protocol; *and*

WHEREAS, A consensus national protocol could help attract new forms of financing for energy efficiency; *and*

WHEREAS, There is an ongoing effort to establish national consensus monitoring and verification protocols by a formal coalition composed of the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and the National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO); *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 1995 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., provides its full support for, participation in, and endorsement of the effort to establish national consensus monitoring and verification protocols currently under development; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC send one representative to the six planning meetings over the course of the next year.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Conservation
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