

WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and the State regulatory commissions have established a strong working relationship to address critical policy issues arising in the restructuring of the Nation's electricity industry; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has been valuable to the development and implementation of FERC's policies supporting the voluntary formation of regional transmission organizations ("RTOs") under Order No. 2000; and

WHEREAS, FERC and the State commissions have held regional conferences and informal discussions with the goal of developing non-discriminatory, open-access regional transmission systems to support more efficient bulk power markets; and

WHEREAS, The issuance of Order No. 2000 presents a unique opportunity for FERC and the State commissions to build on this record by meeting in a conference to address issues involved in the regional development of RTOs, along with such related issues as the creation of procedures to address Federal/State jurisdictional issues and the need to adapt regulatory institutions to meet the challenge of restructured wholesale and retail electric markets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), convened in its 2000 Summer Committee Meeting in Los

Angeles, California, strongly supports convening a process in Fall 2000 to bring FERC and State Commission representatives together to address implementation of Order No. 2000 in the regions, FERC/State jurisdictional issues and future regulatory structures, including the development of the infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Washington Staff is directed to work with the FERC Commissioners and Staff on the arrangements for such a process.

Sponsored by Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 26, 2000.