Resolution Honoring Jorge Vasconcelos, PhD

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge Vasconcelos established the Portuguese Electricity Regulatory Commission in 1996, has served as its chairman since 1997, and successfully promoted the importance of utility regulation and market liberalization of the electricity and gas sectors in Portugal; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Vasconcelos served as President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) since its founding in 2000 through 2005 and demonstrated his commitment to improving international regulatory practices; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to his service at the Electricity Regulatory Commission, Dr. Vasconcelos served as Guest Professor at the University of Pavia (Italy) from 1990-91, and as Deputy Secretary-General of EURELECTRIC (European association of power companies) from 1989-96, and worked in the electrical networks department of AEG (Frankfurt) from 1986-89; *and*

WHEREAS, As President of CEER, Dr. Vasconcelos co-organized a series of CEER-NARUC energy regulatory roundtable meetings from 2000-05, which allowed European and US regulators to discuss energy market developments, technologies, and best practices; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Vasconcelos also coordinated with NARUC on its international program to support the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) for Central/Eastern Europe & Eurasia; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its February 2006 Winter Meetings in Washington, DC, expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Vasconcelos for his dedicated public service to CEER and continuing leadership of the Portuguese Electricity Regulatory Commission; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on International Relations and all NARUC members convey their best wishes for Dr. Vasconcelos in all of his future endeavors.

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