

Resolution Honoring Jack Zekoll

WHEREAS, For more than 45 years Jack Zekoll served the New York Public Service Commission as a consummate public servant to assure that gas utility services would be available at just and reasonable rates; *and*

WHEREAS, Throughout his long career Jack Zekoll was recognized as a visionary and national leader in natural gas utility regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll worked tirelessly through intervention at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to assure that pipeline services were available at just and reasonable rates; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll worked through intervention at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and collaboration with various stakeholders to assure that adequate interstate pipeline capacity would be available to meet the needs of New York consumers; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll was at the forefront of unbundling gas utility rates and opening the retail gas market to competition; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll was a strong supporter of the New York State Public Service Commission's participation in national pipeline safety programs and initiatives to help ensure the safety and reliability of the natural gas pipeline infrastructure; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll was one of the longest serving members of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Gas and for many years served as the Subcommittee's institutional memory; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll, in his usual modest way, did not seek to be an officer of the Subcommittee, yet showed great leadership within the Subcommittee in many ways; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll was always available to new members of the New York Public Service Commission and new Subcommittee members that needed advice or assistance in whatever area they were working on; *and*

WHEREAS, Jack Zekoll worked untiringly to make it universally known that the nation's first commercial gas well was drilled in Fredonia, New York in 1821; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened at its February 2005 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Jack Zekoll for his service to the Association, the citizens of New York and the United States, his colleagues, and to the public interest; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC and all of its members convey their best wishes to Jack Zekoll in all of his continued endeavors and service.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 16, 2005