

Resolution Honoring Chairman James J. "Jim" Hoecker of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

WHEREAS, James J. "Jim" Hoecker was designated by President William J. Clinton to lead the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") on June 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton re-appointed Chairman Hoecker to serve on the Commission until the fall of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker served as a member of the FERC since May 1993 and in August 1995 was reappointed to a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker announced his intention to resign his position with the FERC effective January 18, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Before becoming a FERC Commissioner and participating in NARUC, Chairman Hoecker was of counsel to Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogues from 1990 to 1993 and a partner in Keck, Mahin & Cate from 1998 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker is a former FERC staff member, serving as Assistant General Counsel for Gas and Oil Litigation and Assistant General Counsel for Rulemaking and Legislative Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northland College, a Masters of Arts and a Doctorate in History from the University of Kentucky and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker has been a valuable member of the NARUC Committee on Gas. His contributions and insightful presentations and discussions have helped his counterparts at State commissions achieve a greater understanding of issues affecting the natural gas industry; and,

WHEREAS, During Chairman Hoecker's tenure, the FERC oversaw a dynamically changing natural gas industry and implemented policies to, among other things, enhance the FERC's ability to keep pace with, and respond to, market conditions, improve competition in interstate natural gas markets with Order 637 and streamline the certification of natural gas pipelines; and

WHEREAS, While addressing the many important issues affecting the natural gas industry, the FERC, under Chairman Hoecker's leadership, launched major structural changes in the bulk electricity markets with Order No. 2000, improved the interagency coordination to improve the hydroelectric relicensing process and, through the Commission's FERC First program, reshaped the FERC and fostered greater adaptability to changes in the industries under FERC jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hoecker's hard work and dedication have set a high standard which the Committee on Gas will greatly miss; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its 2001 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington D.C. formally recognizes the exemplary abilities and efforts of Federal Energy Regulatory Chairman Jim

Hoecker and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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