

Resolution Supporting Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

WHEREAS, Nuclear energy is a major source of electricity in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power plants produce baseload electricity with minimal adverse environmental impact, and can thus help the U.S. reach its goal of reduced air pollution and lower greenhouse gas emissions and offset emissions from fossil-fueled power plants; and

WHEREAS, Existing nuclear power plants represent a valuable source of emissions offsets for fossil-fueled power plants and, in the absence of nuclear power, those fossil-fueled power plants would be subject to more stringent emissions controls and increased compliance costs; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-eight nuclear power plants will reach the end of their original 40-year operating licenses by 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 permits nuclear power plants to renew their 40-year operating licenses; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to produce baseload electricity with minimal adverse environmental impact from nuclear power requires the renewal of operating licenses for existing nuclear power plants; and

WHEREAS, Two companies received Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval for license renewal for five nuclear power units in 2000, and more renewal applications are expected; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power plant license renewal often represents a cost-effective option available for new electricity supply and provides significant benefits to electricity consumers, including contributing to the reliability of the electric utility system; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") convened in its 2000 Summer Meeting in Los Angeles, California, supports nuclear power plant license renewal that ensures continued safe operation of the plants; and be it further

RESOLVED, NARUC urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to continue to pursue the license renewal process with a focus on safety and efficiency.

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