

Resolution on Adopting NASUCA/NARUC Enforcement Actions
Database Joint Working Agreement

WHEREAS, The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA") is a national association of public advocate offices whose members are designated by laws of their respective states to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") is a national association composed of governmental agencies of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers;

WHEREAS, Recognizing the value of a common, comprehensive, and readily available source of information about companies that have been the subject of complaints, proceedings, judgments and settlements for consumer protection violations in one or more states, the Consumer Affairs Committee of NARUC at its November, 1999, meetings appointed members to an informal joint working group with NASUCA;

WHEREAS, The mission of the joint working group is to establish suggested guidelines governing how the organizations can coordinate their activities and share information to maintain the aforementioned database;

WHEREAS, The joint working group has developed a "Joint Working Agreement" for the "NASUCA/NARUC Enforcement

Actions Database," consisting of guidelines addressing the following: (1) the purpose of the database; (2) financing the database; (3) access to the database; (4) delineating responsibility for collecting the information to update the database; (5) the frequency with which the database should be updated; (6) the types of information to be included in the database, which will be limited to "formal actions" (i.e., part of a public record); and (7) the commencement date for data to be entered; and

WHEREAS, NASUCA, at its June, 2000, meeting in Portland, Maine, approved the Joint Working Agreement and adopted a resolution so stating; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") convened in its July 2000 Summer Meetings in Los Angeles, California, adopts the "NASUCA/NARUC Enforcement Actions Database Joint Working Agreement," attached hereto.

Sponsored by the Committee on Consumer Affairs

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