

Resolution Endorsing A Partnering Agreement To Promote The
Coordination Of Energy, Environment And Transportation Activities
And Issues

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has previously adopted numerous principles, policies, and resolutions supporting and encouraging the coordination of energy and environmental issues and activities; and

WHEREAS, The attendees at the National Energy, Environment and Transportation Summit in New York in May, 2002, including the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and NARUC, agreed to pursue a "partnering agreement" to address areas of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, These four organizations represent senior executive, appointed and/or elected state government officials in their respective disciplines: AASHTO represents transportation agencies; ECOS represents environmental agencies; NARUC represents public utility regulatory agencies, and NASEO represents energy agencies; and

WHEREAS, Together these associations' members have a great deal of interest in, and control over, the way that transportation, environment, public utility, and energy issues are addressed in the States; and

WHEREAS, NARUC agrees that these disciplines have become more intertwined in recent years: for example, transportation affects air and water quality; environmental rules

affect the siting and operation of utilities; alternative energy sources are available and in use for transportation - many more examples of interactions can be given; and

WHEREAS, According to a June 2002 U.S. Department of Energy report, 2001 transportation and utility activities account for 81 percent of domestic greenhouse gas emissions with petroleum-related carbon dioxide emissions exceeding 666 Million Metric Tons of Carbon Emissions (MMTCe), Coal-related carbon dioxide emissions exceeding 562 MMTCe, and Natural gas-related carbon dioxide emissions exceeding 312 MMTCe; and

WHEREAS, The Partnering Agreement encourages better coordination between the energy, environment and transportation sectors potentially leading to reduced carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, The need for interagency understanding and cooperation on issues of mutual concern to the States has become more and more pronounced; and

WHEREAS, The associations have drafted a "Partnering Agreement" memorializing how to work together to address the integration of energy, environment and transportation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its November 2002 114th Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, endorses, supports, and expresses its intent to participate in the attached "Partnering Agreement," which is hereby incorporated into this

resolution.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the
Environment

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