Resolution To Further Expand NARUC'S Position On The Establishment Of Personal Communication Networks (PCNS)/Personal Communications Services (PCSs)

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has chosen to investigate the development and implementation of new Personal Communications Services (PCSs) and Personal Communications Networks (PCNs) in GEN Docket No. 90-314, RM-7140 & RM-7175; and

WHEREAS, The FCC is specifically requesting information to determine which new PCSs are needed, where in the spectrum those services should be provided if at all, how much spectrum should be allocated to them, whether and how the services should be regulated, and what technical standards should be adopted; and

WHEREAS, The 102nd Congress is considering H.R. 531, introduced January 15, 1991, to establish procedures to improve the allocation and assignment to the electromagnetic spectrum; and

WHEREAS, The FCC, Congress and others are considering what the policies should be related to establishment of particular types of PCSs; and

WHEREAS, PCSs include a broad range of radio communications services that free individuals from the constraints of the wireline public switched telephone network and enables communications away from home or office telephones; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has granted numerous applications for PCS trials; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has adopted resolutions encouraging the FCC to: allow spectrum sharing; develop standards; minimum service levels; allow state regulation; promote interconnectability; develop service monitoring; allow multiple providers in individual geographic regions; services should be regulated as common carriers; tariffed rates should be unbundled and non-discriminatory; customers should not be blocked from interexchange carriers of their choice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the NARUC, convened at its Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, encourages the development of specific monitoring standards that include, at a minimum, the following information be made publicly available in an electronic form on the existing trials, as soon as possible, and be required of future systems for a limited period of time and then be reviewed for elimination, modification or extension;

- A report of each system, the name of the company with the trial, a person to contact for further details, the start date of the trial, the completion date of the trial and text description of the trial;

- A financial report of the trial, if available;
- A technical description of the trial containing the following information: frequency, bandwidth, geographic area served, number of subscribers, usage data monthly, minutes of use data by frequency channel in minutes of use per channel, minutes of use during peak busy hour by channel, and % of calls intra system, % intra state and % interstate.
- Description of how numbers were assigned; and
- Description of the interface utilized for interconnection with existing carriers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a technical standard be developed that requires the customer's portable communications device be transparent to the different possible local providers of service, and that from the one device the customer can have equal access to all providers without purchasing separate terminal equipment.

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