

Resolution to Promote Education about the Safe Drinking Water Act

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has expressed concerns related to the economic impacts of the implementation of The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC in previous resolutions has raised concerns associated with the economic impact and implications on affordability of the Safe Drinking Water Act to the consumers of commission-regulated utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC in previous resolutions has made specific policy statements on affordability standards which must be considered when granting variances or exemptions under the SDWA; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC has reiterated its support of the SDWA and the 1986 Amendments to assure the safety and quality of the Nation's drinking water supplies; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC has previously acknowledged that it does not have the authority or expertise to determine which contaminants or levels thereof pose unreasonable risks to human health, we do strongly support legislation which allows the EPA to consider both the costs and benefits in setting public health standards for drinking water; *and*

WHEREAS, Consumers are largely unaware of and unprepared for the economic implications of the SDWA and the requirements of utilities to comply with the Act; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, By the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1994 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., that NARUC through the appropriate Committees and Subcommittees should foster and promote educational programs on the requirements of the Act.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water
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