

Resolution on International Regulatory Cooperation, Information Exchange and Technical Assistance

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), has collected, developed and shared information on public utility regulatory practices and policies for more that 100 years; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing realization that a common understanding of transparent regulatory principles and practices is an integral part of global energy, water and communications infrastructure development and stability; and

WHEREAS, The sharing of information and experiences on sound and effective telecommunications, water and energy regulatory principles and practices on a global basis would bring value to state and national interests through increasing our capabilities to understand and participate in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Several NARUC member States have established bilateral and multilateral regulatory information exchange and technical assistance programs with international regulatory entities in areas as diverse as Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and South America; and

WHEREAS, NARUC has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development to manage and facilitate regulatory information exchange as well as the development of a regional association of Eastern Europe and Eurasian energy regulatory entities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National

Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its March 2000 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., recognizes the importance of international regulatory cooperation, information exchange and assistance as mechanisms to share professional expertise to enhance the efficiency and integrity of global energy, water and telecommunications regulatory principles and practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the NARUC encourages and supports opportunities for its membership to establish and participate in international information and exchange activities, experience sharing, and requests for technical assistance from international regulatory entities.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, March 8, 2000.