Resolution Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University, and Its Contributions to NARUC

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has a longstanding commitment to expanding educational opportunities for regulatory Commissioners *and* the professional staff of the State and federal utility regulatory agencies; *and*

WHEREAS, Education plays a vital role in informing regulators and improving the quality and effectiveness of regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, The Institute of Public Utilities (IPU) was established at Michigan State University in 1965; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU has served NARUC with dedication and distinction throughout its 50-year history; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU's core mission is to support informed, effective, and efficient regulation of essential public utility services; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU provides NARUC members and the regulatory policy community with applied research and continuing education opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU's professional development programs are thoughtfully designed to meet the educational needs of NARUC members, earning endorsement of NARUC's Subcommittee on Education and Research; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU has provided basic, intermediate, and advanced educational programs to thousands of regulatory commissioners and professionals from the United States and around the world; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU has sponsored the unique Annual Regulatory Studies Program, known affectionately as "Camp NARUC" since 1972; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU serves as the University host of the NARUC Utility Rate School, sponsored by the Committee on Water since 2003; *and*

WHEREAS, IPU sponsors the Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education on NARUC's behalf; *and*

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the IPU at Michigan State University; *now*, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 127th Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, honors and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Institute of Public Utilities *and* extends NARUC's appreciation to the Institute of Public Utilities *and* Michigan State University for its stewardship of and dedication at this historic milestone.

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