

Resolution Honoring John Norris

WHEREAS, Commissioner John Norris received his B.A. from Simpson College in 1981 and graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa Law School in 1995, and has led a career of public service including serving as Chief of Staff for Iowa Congressman Leonard Boswell, and then Chief of Staff for former Governor Vilsack 1999-2001 when he chaired the Governor's Work Group on Electric Restructuring and directed the 2000 to 2001 Governor's Energy Policy Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Norris, since March 2005, was a dedicated public servant as Chairman of the Iowa Utilities Board; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Norris served on the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and then the NARUC Committee on Electricity, and has been a respected national leader for the State regulatory community, testifying before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, speaking before many industry and consumer groups, and performing service on the Board of Directors for NRRI, on the FERC/NARUC Demand Response Collaborative, and leading in other efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, He served significantly in matters of the Midwest ISO, as Chair of the Demand Response Work Group and as Vice President and then President of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) during such formative times as the Midwest ISO day-ahead energy market launch, market benefits studies, and the ancillary services market launch; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Norris was one of three principals to conceptualize and initiate the five-State Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative (UMTDI) announced by the Governors of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; an effort representing the best spirit of State collaboration in developing renewables and electric transmission; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Norris left the State commission to become a federal public servant as Chief of Staff to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and has recently been appointed by the President to resume his leadership in energy issues as a commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, extends congratulations and thanks to Commissioner Norris for his years of dedicated public service in the field of energy, sincerest appreciation for his service and friendship; and great encouragement in his new role at the FERC and our pledge to continue cooperative efforts in shaping an energy future to the benefit of our consumers, States, and nation.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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