## **Resolution Honoring Kim Wissman**

**WHEREAS**, After thirty-four years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Ohio, Kim Wissman has retired from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO); *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Kim started at the PUCO in 1980 as a rate analyst and quickly rose through the ranks to become Director of the PUCO's Energy and Environment Department and Executive Director of the Ohio Power Siting Board; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Kim was appointed Chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Electricity in 2010 and tirelessly served through 2014; *and* 

**WHEREAS**, Kim was a long-standing and enthusiastic supporter of NARUC's international programs, and devoted countless hours to prepare for and participate in activities with partner commissions from across the globe, including but not limited to the following:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina Ohio Regulatory Partnership (January 2014, Sarajevo) Kim shared her expertise on market rules;
- Ukraine (November 2013, Columbus, OH) Kim provided critical information to Ukraine as it moved to become a leader in energy reform in the region;
- Moldova (May 2013, Chisinau) Kim led efforts with NARUC's new Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to provide peer-to-peer recommendations on renewables, interconnections and competitive retail markets;
- Armenia and Ukraine (October 2012, Columbus, OH) Kim mastered the art of helping bridge the gap between delegations at different levels of regulatory reform;
- Saudi Arabia Ohio Regulatory Partnership (January 2012, Riyadh) By day three Kim had mastered the traditional head cover and maintained her spirit of adventure even while having to give up certain other vices;
- ERRA Licensing & Competition Committee (2004-2012) Kim hop-scotched across Eastern Europe and Eurasia as NARUC's representative to this committee, sharing information on electricity markets, competition, renewables, licensing, market monitoring, cross border trading, and market structures with 25 countries in the region;
- Ghana Ohio Regulatory Partnership (December 2008, Accra; April 2007, Accra; October and February 2006, Columbus, OH) Kim quickly embraced new security and religious sensitivities during her travels to Africa;
- Global Regulatory Network Conference (July 2004, Bamako) Kim joined regulators from around Africa in Mali to discuss power purchase agreements; *and*

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts, Kim was the first staffer to receive the Award created by the Committee on International Relations: *Promoting International Cooperation Among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation in Honor of Terry Barnich* ("Terry Barnich Award") for the promotion of International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional regulation and to acknowledge important contributions made by an outstanding individual from among the NARUC membership who has dedicated her time, energy and expertise to furthering regulatory best practices in a global environment; *and*  WHEREAS, Kim graduated from Kenyon College in 1979, with a degree in Economics; and

**WHEREAS**, Kim met her husband Jerry during her tenure at the PUCO and they were married on June 17, 1986 and together, they have a lovely daughter Kathryn, 27 years old; *and* 

**WHEREAS,** Kim was a thoughtful and articulate leader and a mentor who shared her vast regulatory knowledge with her Ohio colleagues and staff, within NARUC, and around the world; *now, therefore be it* 

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Summer Committee Meetings in Dallas, Texas, extend their gratitude to Kim Wissman for her service to NARUC and for her years of public service to the citizens of Ohio, and give their best wishes to Ms. Wissman in her future endeavors with the hope that she is not a stranger at NARUC events.

Passed by the Committee on Electricity and the Committee on International Relations. Adopted by the Board of Directors July 16, 2014