

Resolution Honoring Raman Ravishankar

WHEREAS, Mr. Raman Ravishankar was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in March 1980 and assumed his current position as Public Utilities Administrator in 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar is dedicated to public utility regulation and showed his commitment and leadership as a member of the Ohio Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Water Resources;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar has been a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on International Relations since July 2002, and served as its Chair since July 2011, and provided extraordinary service to the Committee during his tenure, through his support to the Committee and his valued leadership to the Staff Subcommittee; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar is dedicated to public service at the State, national, and international levels and showed his commitment and leadership not only as a member of the Subcommittee on International Relations but also as a member of the NARUC Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar has shared his expertise in utility regulation by participating in various exchanges by visiting as well as hosting his extended regulatory families of several State electricity regulatory commissions from India and Ukraine and coordinated various regulatory internships for many delegations from Africa and Trinidad; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar, during his first regulatory exchange trip, very much wanted to arrive ahead of other delegation members from Ohio in order for him to formally welcome them to India, somehow managed to miss his flight and arrived at New Delhi, India, a day later, and had the unique pleasure of receiving a message from the then Chairman Craig Glazer that said, 'Welcome to India,' instead; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar, in a subsequent exchange trip to his hometown, Chennai, India, was forced to figure out a way to let his former Commissioner Judy Jones know that there is no chance to get her bag which was left behind at the airport and was pleasantly surprised when the airline staff delivered the bag to her in fifteen minutes; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar, during his tenure at the Subcommittee, has been able to arrange many conference call presentations, it still remains a mystery to many as to how he convinced the regulators from India and Bangladesh (with time difference of about 10-11 hours) to make presentations at midnight their time to the Subcommittee, to accommodate the different time zones; *and*

WHEREAS, In recognition of Mr. Ravishankar's valuable contributions to the Committee on International Relations, Chairman Armstrong, through the honorable Governor of Kentucky arranged to confer the honor of Kentucky Colonel to Mr. Ravishankar; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Ravishankar seeks out ways to inform the Committee and Subcommittee members about the international utility and energy news to the IR Committee and Subcommittee members through the dissemination of a bi-monthly International Energy Bulletin; *and now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors, convened at its 2013 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Ravishankar for his years of dedicated public service and his leadership of the Staff Subcommittee on International Relations; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee and Staff Subcommittee on International Relations and all NARUC members convey their best wishes to Mr. Ravishankar as he continues his contributions to promote regulatory best practices in the US and abroad.

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