

### ***Resolution in Support of Energy Assurance Efforts***

**WHEREAS**, Extended interruption to reliable utility service has cascading secondary impacts capable of causing significant harm to public health, public safety, and the economy; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Threats to critical utility infrastructure from all extraordinary events, natural or man-made, have the potential to interrupt reliable utility service; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Our nation's energy and other utility infrastructure has been shown to be vulnerable to a variety of hazards as demonstrated by recent weather-induced system impacts resulting from the recent Superstorm Sandy and last summer's derechos; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Threats to these systems can take a variety of forms in addition to severe weather events, such as other natural disasters, equipment or other system failures, as well as deliberate attacks (whether physical or cyber); *and*

**WHEREAS**, Energy Assurance initiatives have been and continue to be advanced by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE/OE), as well as numerous State Commissions and other State Agencies; *and*

**WHEREAS**, These Energy Assurance initiatives have taken the form of funding opportunities, education, guidance, and support from DOE/OE and to the States, with the goal of enhancing resiliency in order to maintain and restore services rapidly in the event of disaster; *and*

**WHEREAS**, DOE/OE has developed resources including analyses of State policies, briefing materials, webcasts, conferences/trainings, and regional conference calls to assist States in developing or improving their energy assurance capabilities and raising awareness of key issues; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners(NARUC), convened at its 2013 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., recognizes the importance for States to institutionalize this work, the need for continued vigilance against all potential threats to energy sources and delivery systems, and that NARUC commends the investment and support of DOE/OE and supports the efforts of its member commissions in becoming more knowledgeable about energy assurance capabilities in their State, their region, and across the country to sustain capability going forward (as they have the ability), all in order to further enhance their public health, safety, and the economic well-being and be better able to effectively meet on going threats to energy assurance.

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