Resolution Honoring Paula Strain

WHEREAS, Paula Strain began her long and distinguished career in utility regulation in 1981 with the then Alaska Public Utilities Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Strain was involved in regulation in Alaska until 1992, at which time she expanded her regulatory experience by joining the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in November 1992; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Strain has been an active participant in local, regional, and national regulation for 27 years; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Strain joined the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance in September, 2000, and was Secretary of the Subcommittee from 2000 through 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Strain was known to stand in line at Subcommittee meetings for the opportunity to question telecommunications industry representatives and provide them their appropriate comeuppance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strain is determined to retire in order to spend more time in her garden, eating Indian food, and cruising the Mediterranean with her husband Joe; *and*

WHEREAS, Her retirement from utility regulation means the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance will lose an important voice on current issues, as well as the historical perspectives on those issues; *now*, *therefore*, *be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2008 Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon, extends its sincere appreciation to Paula Strain for her many years of public service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance Adopted by the Board of Directors July _____, 2008