

Resolution Honoring Richard Hemstad of Washington

WHEREAS, Richard Hemstad earned a bachelor's degree in History, magna cum laude, from St. Olaf College and a JD degree from the University of Chicago law school; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad engaged in the private practice of law from 1958 until 1967 and again from 1985 until 1993; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad served as legal counsel to Governor Daniel J. Evans from 1967 until 1973; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad served as Director of the State Office of Community Development from 1973 until 1977; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad served as a professor of law at the University of Puget Sound Law School from 1977 until 1985; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad was elected a member of the Washington State Senate and served in that capacity from 1981 until 1985; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad was appointed to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and took office on June 1, 1993; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad was reappointed to a second term as a member of the WUTC in 1999; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad has also served as a member of the advisory board of the Electric Power Research Institute and as a member of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, a group which represents public utility commissions and State energy planning offices in the western states and Canadian provinces; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad served as a member of a blue ribbon panel of the North American Electric Reliability Council that addressed and made important recommendations concerning electric reliability issues, including whether electric reliability rules should be made mandatory; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad has participated in various national and western regional forums and commissions addressing issues in the energy industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad is widely recognized for his expertise in the energy arena; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad is also widely recognized for his intelligence, grace, modesty, and kindness; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad has contributed immeasurably to the work of the Committee on Electricity during his service on that body, having consistently functioned as a voice of calm and reason during the Committee's deliberations; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad is easily recognizable for his bow ties and unfailing good humor; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad's term on the WUTC expired on January 1, 2005; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad has announced his intention to retire from the WUTC at such time as his successor is appointed and confirmed; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hemstad's colleagues on the Committee on Electricity and throughout NARUC value their friendships with him and have appreciated the opportunity to have worked with him during his service and as a member of the WUTC; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its February 2005 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its best wishes to Commissioner Hemstad and hopes for success and happiness in all future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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