

Resolution Supporting Broadband as a Critical Component of Federal Climate Policy

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) formed a Task Force on Climate Policy in March 2007 in order to educate NARUC members concerning climate policy issues and to develop policy proposals for consideration by the NARUC membership; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC has an ongoing commitment to support policies that enhance energy efficiency and conservation; *and*

WHEREAS, State regulators have implemented policies to ensure the rapid deployment of broadband technologies and infrastructure for the benefit of consumers and our economy; *and*

WHEREAS, Some studies have suggested that widespread adoption of broadband-based applications may have positive environmental benefits; *and*

WHEREAS, The momentum for enactment of federal legislation regulating carbon emissions appears to have increased, making the enactment of such legislation within the foreseeable future possible; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC's Board of Directors has adopted resolutions to position the Association with regard to federal carbon policy; *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, supports further exploration of the role of broadband technologies as part of an economy wide approach to carbon emissions reduction and energy conservation; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Climate Policy, working with standing NARUC Committees, should investigate the role that telecommunications and information technologies can play in improving the environment and energy conservation and should consider and develop, as appropriate, educational opportunities and proposed resolutions for NARUC's consideration to further the intent of this resolution.

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