Resolution Honoring Constance Welde of Delaware

WHEREAS, Constance Welde (hereinafter "Connie Welde") for many years has been a valuable and productive member and advisor to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, representing Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Connie Welde served with distinction the Public Service Commission of the State of Delaware, a Universal Service Fund (USF) net payer State, and advocated tirelessly regarding the issues and USF concerns of net-payer States; *and*

WHEREAS, Connie Welde tirelessly and consistently advocated for universal service reform, and along with her Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC) brethren successfully opposed the Missoula Plan; *and*

WHEREAS, Connie Welde was instrumental in establishing the MACRUC telecommunications Staff Committee in her role as first Chairperson; *and*

WHEREAS, Connie Welde is recognized for both her expertise and experience with both federal and State telecommunications issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Connie Welde worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote consensus and understanding among her colleagues and has ever been a respectful and courteous advocate for her State, MACRUC and NARUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Connie Welde has exemplified in both her personal and professional life integrity, fairness, optimism, hard work, humor, and grace in all situations, *now*, *therefore*, *be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2008 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. extends to Connie Welde its sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Delaware; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Telecommunications and all NARUC members also convey our sincere appreciation to Connie Welde for her service to NARUC and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of NARUC extends to Connie Welde our best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications Adopted by the Board of Directors February 20, 2008