

Resolution Honoring James Volz of Vermont

Whereas Jim Volz earned his Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center, then known as “Franks,” but now known as the University of New Hampshire School of Law;

Whereas Jim moved to Vermont to become a clerk to Justice Franklin Billing on the Vermont Supreme Court, which was Vermont’s good fortune;

Whereas Jim went on to work very successfully as both a Deputy State’s Attorney in Vermont and later in private practice;

Whereas Jim went on to work as a special counsel for the Vermont Department of Public Service in 1985 and then became the Director for Public Advocacy at the Department, where he served honorably and with vigor, directing the legal strategy of the Department and representing the people of Vermont before the Public Service Board, federal agencies, and federal courts;

Whereas Governor James Douglas, a Republican, appointed Jim Volz to serve as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board as of March 1, 2005;

Whereas Governor Peter Shumlin, a Democrat, reappointed Jim Volz to serve as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board starting as of March 1, 2011, proving that Jim is both a person of incredible integrity and that regulation is not a partisan activity;

Whereas Jim Volz fully engaged with the issues in each regulated industry and thoughtfully evaluated the issues before the Board, including rate cases, transmission lines, pipelines, mergers, and rulemaking dockets;

Whereas Jim was seen by all as nonpartisan and scrupulously fair, with an incisive mind, even temperament, and gracious disposition;

Whereas Jim is admired for his integrity, depth of knowledge, engagement, and effective leadership in regulatory issues;

Whereas Jim served on NARUC’s Committee on Electricity and the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.;

Whereas it has been a privilege and an honor to serve with Jim Volz as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board and as the Director for Public Advocacy at the Department of Public Service—in total more than 32 years of service to the State of Vermont;

Whereas Jim’s expertise and leadership will be difficult to replace and will be missed, but not forgotten by his colleagues in Vermont, the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners, and NARUC; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, honors Jim Volz on the completion of service

as a Commissioner, commend his thoughtful and effective leadership on regulatory issues, and wishes him well in his continued achievements.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity on July 18, 2017

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