

Resolution Honoring Elizabeth (Libby) Jacobs of Iowa

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Libby Jacobs was appointed by Governor Terry Branstad in 2011 and served the State of Iowa until April 30, 2017. Additionally, Governor Branstad appointed Jacobs to serve as the Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board from May 1, 2011, until April 30, 2015;

Whereas during her tenure, the Iowa Utilities Board approved construction of a 650-MW natural gas combined cycle electric generating plant and the construction of over 3,760 MW of wind generation, making Iowa a leader in wind production;

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Jacobs was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) and a co-vice chair of NARUC’s Committee on Electricity. She was also a member of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal and the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation;

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Jacobs was actively involved in the Organization of MISO States (“OMS”) and was a member of the OMS Executive Committee. Jacobs served as President of OMS in 2015, Vice President in 2014, and Secretary in 2013. As OMS President, Jacobs championed the MISO stakeholder redesign process, which explored ways to improve MISO’s interaction with its stakeholders;

Whereas Jacobs was a member of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council and served on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool. She also served on the advisory council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University as well as the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute. Additionally, Jacobs was a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference;

Whereas prior to joining the Iowa Utilities Board, Jacobs was president of The Jacobs Group, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, board development, community outreach, and fund development. Previously, she was Director of Community Relations for the Principal Financial Group. In addition, Jacobs’s career includes professional and management-level positions in the telecommunications and non-profit industries;

Whereas during her notable career in public service, Jacobs served the State of Iowa in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1995 to 2009 and was elected by her peers to serve as Majority Whip for seven years. Jacobs also sat on the Commerce, State Government and Appropriations Committees. She served as co-chair of several interim committees, including a study committee on the Iowa Communications Network;

Whereas Jacobs has been recognized with several honors, including the 2008 West Des Moines Citizen of the Year, 2008 Drake University Outstanding Master of Public Administration Alumnus Award, 2008 Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Business Leadership Award, 2005 Iowa Grocers Association Legislative Leadership Award, and the 2001 Des Moines Business Record Woman of Influence;

Whereas Jacobs earned her BA with distinction in political science from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and a Master's of Public Administration from Drake University;

Whereas Jacobs is known for her quick wit, intelligence, professionalism and grace, and her ability to work amiably with people of all political and ideological persuasions; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends to Elizabeth (Libby) Jacobs of Iowa its sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Iowa and that NARUC wishes Libby Jacobs the best of luck and continued success in her future endeavors.

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