Resolution Honoring Commissioner Susan Ackerman of Oregon

WHEREAS, Commissioner Susan Ackerman was appointed as Commissioner to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in 2010, and promoted to Chair of the Commission in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Susan Ackerman was a tireless worker, including duties with National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council, the NARUC-U.S. Department of Energy’s Smart Grid Working Group, the Electricity Committee, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman was a tireless worker, including duties with National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council, the NARUC-U.S. Department of Energy’s Smart Grid Working Group, the Electricity Committee, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman always allowed logic to prevail over emotion, and used wit and humor to be a peacemaker on many thorny issues; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman was a dedicated advocate for her staff and worked tirelessly to ensure the Oregon Public Utility Commission performed effectively, efficiently, and in line with its mission; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman’s bubbly personality and smile met every situation with intelligence and a willingness to work on the issues; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College and a Juris Doctor degree from Lewis and Clark College and embarked on an extensive and continuing career in energy law and policy; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman has represented a variety of clients in rate cases, transmission matters, wholesale power sales, competitive procurement and integrated resource planning, including independent power producers and the Bonneville Power Administration; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman has represented clients before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the National Energy Board of Canada; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ackerman has given selflessly of her time during her tenure to promote and protect the interests of utility ratepayers, as well as the well-being of the citizens of Oregon and facilitated and encouraged collegial relationships among her fellow commissioners, enhancing participation and the value of NARUC to her colleagues; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2016 Summer Meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, express their gratitude to Commissioner Susan Ackerman and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity on July 26, 2016
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 27, 2016