

Resolution Honoring Edward Meyers of the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has been a dedicated public servant for more than 25 years, first in a variety of positions in the District of Columbia government, and since 1990 as Commissioner and Acting Chair of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has served NARUC as Chair of the Subcommittee on Energy Efficiency of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment's, Chair of the Committee on Utility Association Oversight, and as a member of NARUC's Committee on Consumer Affairs, Committee on International Relations, Board of Directors, and Ad Hoc Working Group on Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has also served as Chair of the National Regulatory Research Institute's Board of Directors and a member of the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute and has hosted more international delegations than any other NARUC member; and

WHEREAS, Some have said the ERE Committee has been the conscience of NARUC (OK, maybe it was Ed who said it), and Ed Meyers has been the conscience of the ERE Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has been outspoken on behalf of consumers, dedicated to low-income weatherization, and unwavering in his support of energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, There is a little bit of Don Quixote in Ed Meyers, as

evidenced by his attempts to smash the incandescent light bulb with his efficiency lance (while heating his home with halogen lamps), and his crusade to put global warming on the NARUC agenda; and

WHEREAS, Due to Ed Meyers' charm and persistence, somehow the development of standards for the conventional general service light bulb (another cute name for the incandescent light bulb) sneaked into a NARUC resolution without anyone's objection; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers thinks renewable energy is tilting at windmills; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has always been a willing volunteer, best remembered with sleeves rolled up, staying late, working with staff, and making good things happen; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers' plain-spoken, down-to-earth nature has belied his outstanding academic accomplishments (including a doctorate in American Government); and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers' dogs Yuppie and Summer revealed him to be dog's best friend; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has discharged all his NARUC responsibilities with Grace...without grace, Ed Meyers was rarely found; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers is remembered for his boycotting of the traditional ERE dinners just because many Committee members can't carry a tune, especially the Wiffenpoof Song;

and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers enthusiastically participated in the successful ERE expedition to a wind farm in Pennsylvania and the high points of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia- all in a single day; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has been an unabashed fan of the Washington Redskins and Wizards, in good years (few) and bad (many); and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers' love of tennis is irrepressible, and his fantasy is to have been born as Rod Laver or Pete Sampras; and

WHEREAS, Ed Meyers has been the District's most steadfast advocate of statehood, finally single-handedly achieving it (in his own mind), as evidenced by his recent selection as the head of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's new Division of State Relations; and

WHEREAS, The ERE Committee and NARUC will greatly miss Ed Meyers' fairness, decency, courtesy, humor, dedication to principles, willingness to work, and commitment to the public interest; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its February 2002 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., hereby commends and thanks Ed Meyers for his years of service to the organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Energy Resources and

the Environment wishes Ed Meyers all the best in his endeavors and his life in the years to come.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

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