Resolution Honoring Marc Spitzer

WHEREAS, Commissioner Marc Spitzer was nominated by President George W. Bush to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a term expiring June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, While serving at FERC, Commissioner Spitzer believed that the primary missions of the agency are to ensure that America’s ratepayers have safe, economic, and reliable supplies of electricity and natural gas; and transparent, robust, and competitive wholesale energy markets; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of Commissioner Spitzer that successful regulation of FERC-jurisdictional industries requires a balancing of all competing interests to ensure just and reasonable rates; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Commissioner Spitzer was elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission, and in 2002, was elected Chairman by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), Commissioner Spitzer focused on policies encouraging expansion of natural gas infrastructure, specifically distribution and storage; creating a demand-side management policy; enhancing ACC’s renewables standard; and advancing consumer privacy concerns in telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman, Commissioner Spitzer established a legacy of balancing competing interests, while ensuring Arizonans received safe, economical, and reliable utility services; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Spitzer received recognition for his leadership of the Arizona Commission from 2003-2005; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service on the ACC, Commissioner Spitzer served in the Arizona State Legislature as Chair of the Judiciary and Finance Committees and was elected by his peers to the position of Senate Majority Leader in 1996; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2012 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Marc Spitzer for his years of public service to the State of Arizona and to ratepayers of America, and wishes him great success in all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committees on Gas and Water
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