

Resolution on Global Climate Change

WHEREAS, Atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases are rising and are projected to continue to increase; *and*

WHEREAS, The costs of mitigating rising greenhouse gas emissions could be substantial (and will be borne in part by utilities and their customers); *and*

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State is participating in international negotiations on treaties and protocols for the mitigation of greenhouse gases; *and*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) supports full and vigorous debate including all stakeholders and considering all alternatives regarding the mitigation of anthropogenic greenhouse gases, adaptation policies and other global climate change measures; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC and its standing committees are monitoring the issue of global climate change and providing information to the membership; *and*

WHEREAS, The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) holds open the opportunity for international cooperation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through jointly implemented mitigation projects; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, The Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1997 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, urges that the U.S. Department of State and other Federal agencies continue to include the interests and expertise of the States in ensuring a fully coordinated, national effort to establish appropriate greenhouse gas mitigation policies; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC recommends that Parties to the UNFCCC make a permanent part of the Convention those projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions undertaken jointly by two or more signatory nations.

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