

Resolution Honoring Mary E. Newmeyer

WHEREAS, Mary Newmeyer is the Staff Utility Rate Supervisor for Federal Affairs for the Alabama Public Service Commission and has served that commission for many years; *and*

WHEREAS, Mary Newmeyer has been an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications for over a decade; *and*

WHEREAS, Ken Newmeyer, Mary's husband and ever companion at the NARUC meetings, may know, but keeps to himself, exactly how many NARUC meetings Mary has attended in her career; *and*

WHEREAS, As part of her commitment to NARUC, Mary Newmeyer has served as the Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications from 1993 to 1995, a very active time when it was not unusual for there to be over ten resolutions for consideration; *and*

WHEREAS, Among her many accomplishments, Mary Newmeyer was the lead staff of the International Policy Group of the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, even though the job did not include exotic trips to foreign places; *and*

WHEREAS, Between 1998 and 2004, Mary Newmeyer served on the staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service during its deliberation of many complex and critical issues affecting consumers nationwide; *and*

WHEREAS, Mary Newmeyer has made significant contributions to the regulatory community, to NARUC, and to the public interests through her participation in NARUC, and through her service to the Joint Board and the Alabama Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, While Mary has been talking about retiring for years, she has finally decided to "take the plunge" and will be leaving the Alabama Commission and NARUC in the upcoming months; *and*

WHEREAS, Those who have worked with Mary respect her ever-pleasant attitude and sense of humor in the face of arcane telecom issues -- she will be sorely missed; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2008 Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon, extends hearty congratulations upon retirement and its sincere thanks to Mary Newmeyer for her years of public service.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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