

Resolution on NARUC Co-Sponsorship of Solar Enterprise Zones

WHEREAS, The Solar Energy Industries Association, the Department of Energy, the Edison Electric Institute and others are co-sponsors of a collaborative workshop on the potential for the creation of a Solar Enterprise Zone; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a need to develop clean, sustainable energy resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Many utilities and States are interested in developing cost effective, concentrating photovoltaic power and solar thermal electricity from dish, trough, and tower technology, as evidenced by investment in solar energy technology development or inclusion of solar energy or renewable energy in their resource planning; *and*

WHEREAS, As these technologies develop and are demonstrated, cost effective solar electricity depends less on technological advances and more on developing manufacturing economies of scale and thus there is a need for a sustained, orderly commercialization pathway for these technologies; *and*

WHEREAS, Given the real constraints on individual utilities, States, and ratepayers no one State or utility can be expected to shoulder the entire burden of commercializing these technologies; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a need for a means of developing a collaborative activity which will allow stakeholders to aggregate commitments in order to attain the critical mass necessary to achieve the manufacturing economies of scale in a fashion that reduces the risk and costs to all; *and*

WHEREAS, Such a collaborative activity provides an opportunity for Federal investment to be concentrated to achieve greatest effect; *and*

WHEREAS, The PV-COMPACT serves as an example of how such a collaborative effort can be structured; *and*

WHEREAS, A Solar Enterprise Zone, if structured correctly, could become this commercialization collaborative; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1994 Summer Meetings in San Diego, California, authorizes NARUC to act as a co-sponsor* of a collaborative workshop exploring the potential of creating one or more Solar Enterprise Zones as part of a solar commercialization strategy.

*Co-sponsorship does not involve any financial commitment on the part of NARUC.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Conservation
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