

Resolution Regarding Discontinuation of the Committee on Utility Oversight

WHEREAS, The Committee on Utility Association Oversight (Committee) was established on July 30, 1986; and

WHEREAS, There was a concern that utility association costs were being recovered from utility ratepayers but, were not subject to regulatory review; and

WHEREAS, The Committee was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the costs of the utility associations; and

WHEREAS, The utility associations included: the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the American Gas Association (AGA), the United States Telephone Association (USTA), and the Committee for Energy Awareness (CEA); and

WHEREAS, The utility associations agreed to provide annual reports with twelve categories of costs and audited financial statements to the Committee who, in turn, would distribute the reports to the state commissions; and

WHEREAS, The Staff subcommittee on Accounts (SSOA) was directed to review these reports to ensure that they are consistent with the objectives of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, In its vote of October 1999, the Committee on Utility Association Oversight indicated that the Committee's primary objectives have been accomplished, and the Committee voted to dissolve, with further review of the Associations to be conducted by the Committee on Finance

and Technology; and

WHEREAS, The nature of regulation has changed significantly since the inception of the Committee and reevaluation of use of state commission resources is appropriate; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its March 2000 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., will no longer require an annual review of the utility association reports by the SSOA. Instead, reviews will be conducted on a random basis; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, The Committee will be disbanded and future review of utility associations will come under the purview of the Committee on Finance and Technology.

Sponsored by the Committee on Finance and Technology and
the Committee on Utility Association Oversight
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, March 8, 2000.