Resolution Encouraging the Department of Defense to work with State Utility Regulators and Utilities

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense (DoD) is the largest energy consumer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The DoD wants to strengthen energy security by investing in energy efficiency, microgrid and on-site generation technologies; and

WHEREAS, The DoD actions to strengthen national defense and deploy grid-scale on-site energy may result in stranded generation and transmission investments resulting in increased rates for remaining customers; and

WHEREAS, State public utility commissions share DoD’s objective to strengthen energy security and are willing to help work with DoD in an effort to meet DoD’s energy needs in a manner that does not adversely impact remaining customers and does not violate State law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 2012 Summer Meeting in Portland, Oregon, supports the DoD’s efforts to strengthen its energy security and our national defense; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC urges the DoD to be respectful and sensitive of State laws, regulations and policies in its procurement of energy or other utility services in the interest of national defense; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC encourages the DoD to coordinate with State utility regulators and utilities to ensure that the actions taken by the military to improve energy security and national defense do not increase costs to the remaining utility customers.

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