

**Resolution Concerning the Implementation of the NARUC Computer Data Base of the Automated Report Management Information System (ARMIS)**

**WHEREAS**, The Executive Committee of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), on February 27, 1991, at the Winter meeting in Washington, D.C., adopted a Resolution Concerning the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Automated Report Management Information System (ARMIS), as amended by the Subcommittee on Association Finance & Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, The resolution provided "that NARUC provide financial assistance not to exceed \$10,000 to provide a personal computer that will contain the ARMIS information so that it may be accessed by all regulators and interested parties through the e-mail provided by the Michigan Public Service Commission and used by the State regulators and the FCC;" and

**WHEREAS**, It was further resolved "that the NARUC shall make a reasonable charge to each non-NARUC member for accessing the ARMIS information through the NARUC computer and, upon the establishment of a billing system to collect such charges, the above expenditure shall be made by the NARUC;" and

**WHEREAS**, The General Counsel of NARUC has interpreted the prior resolution to mean that the \$10,000 for the computer and associated equipment and software is to be collected from potential industry users of the data base before any funds are released and, therefore, assessed MCI, AT&T, NCTA and OPASTCO a total of \$4,000 and USTA \$6,000; and

**WHEREAS**, The parties assessed the \$4,000 have contributed these funds, but USTA has determined it does not intend to participate and has declined to contribute the \$6,000 and, therefore, no funds have been released to purchase the computer and institute the data base; and

**WHEREAS**, This situation has further delayed the availability of this critical central data base to the State regulators for their use in the oversight and regulation of the Tier I local operating companies under their jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, It appears necessary to clarify the intent of the Executive Committee as to what parties are to fund the purchase of the necessary computer and when these funds are to be expended for the computer; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 103rd Annual Convention and Regulatory Symposium in San Antonio, Texas, clarifies that the NARUC is to provide up to \$10,000 from existing NARUC funds for the purchase of the computer, related software and equipment to establish a NARUC ARMIS data base to be operated through the

Michigan Public Service Commission e-mail system so that it may be readily accessed and used by all regulators and interested parties; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That any funds that have been collected from the potential non-NARUC users of the computer data base for the purchase of the computer and related equipment and software shall be returned to those parties; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the administrator of the NARUC computer data base of information shall make available to the NARUC office for billing purposes the necessary information on the actual access and usage of the data base by non-NARUC members, in order for the NARUC to make a reasonable charge for the actual access of the ARMIS information through the NARUC computer; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the funds for the purchase of the computer are to be released immediately and the hardware and software be purchased within ninety days from the date of the adoption of this resolution and not delayed until all billing arrangements have been finalized.

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