

Convention Floor Resolution No. 1

**Resolution Concerning the FCC's Automated  
Report Management Information System (ARMIS)**

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on September 17, 1987, released a Report and Order for the purpose of establishing an automated system for collecting financial and operating data in order to facilitate the timely and efficient analysis of revenue requirements and rates of return, and to enhance the FCC's ability to quantify the effects of alternative policy proposals; and

**WHEREAS,** The ARMIS report is one of the safeguards established by the FCC to monitor the accounting separations of regulated and non-regulated joint costs and jurisdictional shifts between state and interstate for companies choosing the price cap form of regulation in the interstate jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** The FCC has modified its accounting rules to reflect changes in joint costs, tax allocations, litigation expense, pay telephone expenses and settlement expenses but has not made the necessary changes to reflect new organizational structures and technological changes; and

**WHEREAS,** The costs of specialized network components must be placed in existing Part 32 accounting codes and in some cases, the assignments are arbitrary and at the discretion of the LECs; and

**RESOLVED,** That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 106th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, continues to support the FCC Report and Order establishing ARMIS and its reporting requirements but requests that the FCC undertake an effort to update the reporting requirements to reflect industry changes; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications continue to work on the ways to utilize the ARMIS mechanism and consult with the Staff Subcommittee on Accounts to determine appropriate utilization of ARMIS; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications work with the FCC to identify and specify the changes that are needed; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Subcommittee on Communications continue to work with the industry to seek ways to use ARMIS to reduce or replace other existing reports that are currently being filed; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the NARUC General Counsel file a copy of this resolution with the FCC in the most appropriate way and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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Sponsored by the Committee on Communications  
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