Resolution Honoring Carl Wood, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission

WHEREAS, Carl Wood will leave the California Public Utilities Commission on December 30, 2004, after several years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wood played a key role in guiding and implementing California’s recovery from its disastrous experiment with electrical deregulation, serving as Chairman of the California Electricity Generation Facilities Standards Committee which is responsible under State law for setting maintenance and operations standards for large generating facilities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wood has been an outspoken critic of utility deregulation and liberalization of energy markets; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wood served the California Commission during a time of historic upheaval in the telecommunications industry and spearheaded and the development and adoption of the Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights for California consumers; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wood has always worked tirelessly for the State of California and NARUC in developing sound public policy; and

WHEREAS, Carl Wood has been dubbed the Consumers Commissioner because of his commitment to protecting consumer; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wood has never backed down from tough issues but has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to consumers; particularly residential and small business customers; and

WHEREAS, Renowned in California and nationally as an aggressive consumer advocate and a champion of low-income consumers, Commissioner Wood chaired the Consumer Affairs Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for two years with distinction, focusing the committee direction, leading strategic planning initiatives, and strengthening the voice of the committee within NARUC; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its November 2004 Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, offers its sincere thanks for the dedication, passion, and distinguished public service of Commissioner Carl Wood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors and the NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee wish Commissioner Wood success and happiness in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Consumer Affairs
Adopted by the NARUC November 17, 2004