

**Resolution Encouraging FCC Approval
for the Technology Deployment of
Stand-Alone Public Enhanced Communications Systems (SPECS)**

WHEREAS, AT&T filed a petition for limited waiver of the Comparably Efficient Interconnection (CEI) Rules, with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on October 31, 1991, so that AT&T might offer integrated enhanced service through its Stand-Alone Public Enhanced Communications System (SPECS) as a public offering and part of its rate base; and

WHEREAS, SPECS is a new public telephone which incorporates a handset, keypad, dataport, card reader, video screen and computer keyboard into a single device no larger than existing public telephone closures; and

WHEREAS, SPECS would allow users to access other enhanced service providers services, such as electronic mail, databases and information services; and

WHEREAS, SPECS would allow hearing-impaired persons to access services on not only a BAUDOT basis but on a ASCII type protocol as well; and

WHEREAS, Two parties (Citicorp and American Public Communications Council) filed in opposition to the AT&T petition; and

WHEREAS, Citicorp proposed that AT&T unbundle and detariff the SPECS offering and classify it as unregulated customer premises equipment; and

WHEREAS, Customers would benefit from the ability to use a computer keypad and screen in public locations to access their electronic mail and information services without having to use their own portable computers; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has not yet approved the AT&T petition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1993 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, believes that AT&T's petition for waiver should be granted on a limited basis regarding the SPECS public telephones; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC issue a notice of proposed rule making for comments on whether CEI rule waiver should be allowed for public pay telephones or similar type devices and how the costs for SPECS-like devices should be treated; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC General Counsel take the necessary action to relay this position to the FCC.