Resolution Regarding Discontinuation of NARUC Gas USOA

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) developed a gas Uniform System of Accounts that could be used by State utility commissions at a time when a national Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities did not exist; and

WHEREAS, For many years the NARUC published a “Uniform System of Accounts for Gas Utilities” which some States have required utilities in their jurisdiction to follow; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has since developed a Uniform System of Accounts for interstate gas pipelines that could be used for local gas distribution companies; and

WHEREAS, The FERC has kept its Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities current; and

WHEREAS, The NARUC gas Uniform System of Accounts has not been revised since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Only six State utility commissions have stated that they still use the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities in some manner; and

WHEREAS, There are more multi-State gas utilities because of increased merger activity, which makes consistent accounting between States more important; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities on a current basis would involve extensive use of resources, and given that the FERC maintains its Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities; and

WHEREAS, The States need to maintain the authority to prescribe accounting rules necessary to meet State-specific needs while considering multi-State nature of some gas utilities; and

WHEREAS, Clarification regarding NARUC’s intention to maintain or discontinue its gas USoA would be helpful for States in deciding whether to adopt the FERC Uniform System of Accounts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, assembled at its 111th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, will no longer maintain the NARUC Gas Uniform System of Accounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, The States are encouraged to adopt the FERC Uniform System of Accounts for gas utilities with appropriate modifications (if, and as necessary) to meet State specific circumstances.

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