

Resolution to Establish a Dialogue on Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning Issues

WHEREAS, There are presently 14 commercial nuclear power plants that are either in an active decommissioning mode or whose owners have announced decisions to permanently cease power operations; *and*

WHEREAS, The electric power industry is undergoing significant restructuring that could influence decisions regarding continued operations of nuclear power plants; *and*

WHEREAS, The operating licenses for a number of nuclear power plants are scheduled to expire early in the next century; *and*

WHEREAS, The ramifications of electric industry restructuring with respect to nuclear power plant decommissioning planning, coordination and implementation need to be thoroughly evaluated and understood; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1997 Summer Meetings in San Francisco, California, encourages the members of the NARUC Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal to establish and engage in a comprehensive dialogue on decommissioning issues with appropriate interested parties; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the purpose of the dialogue be to comprehensively discuss and consider a variety of perspectives on the policy, financial, technical and regulatory issues and options associated with nuclear reactor decommissioning.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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