Resolution Concerning the FCC's Electronic Posting of Information

WHEREAS, NARUC adopted four resolutions in the past concerning electronic posting of information by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and has petitioned the FCC requesting that FCC information be made electronically publicly available, and the FCC has granted NARUC's request; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has posted information to their State Link bulletin board and on February 22, 1994 announced and started posting their orders, news releases and other information on their Internet server at FCC.GOV; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has established an automated electronic system for collecting, in a logical and consistent manner, financial and operating data required to administer accounting, joint cost, jurisdictional separations, rate base disallowances and access charge rules that is commonly referred to as ARMIS; and

WHEREAS, NARUC has supported the development of the electronic system for collecting such information, and has requested in a resolution that the FCC work with the States to maintain the necessary data to reflect appropriate and necessary State and Federal related information, and actual financial information; and

WHEREAS, The past Chairman of the FCC during the Federal/State summit agreed to work with the States to set up a data base of information concerning communications issues affecting both the State and Federal regulators; and

WHEREAS, The posting of the information by the FCC to the Internet is very useful and helps in the regulatory process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Executive Committee, convened at its 1994 Summer Meetings in San Diego, California, continues to support the public availability of the FCC information in the most economical way possible and thanks the FCC for granting the NARUC's petitions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC and State commissions work jointly to review and publish electronically the ARMIS information through the Internet mechanism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FCC, and any other interested parties work cooperatively to help the State commission staff members on the Communications Subcommittee by putting on a training session on how to access and use the information more efficiently by the States during the upcoming 1995 Winter Meeting.

Sponsored by the Committee on Communications
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