

Resolution on NARUC Co-sponsorship of a Forum on Global Climate Change

WHEREAS, Atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases are rising and are projected to continue to increase; *and*

WHEREAS, There is continuing scientific debate as to whether global climate change has yet begun as a result of anthropogenic contributions of greenhouse gases and as to what pace such change would take; *and*

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the NARUC is committed to a full and vigorous debate including all the stakeholders and considering all alternatives regarding the mitigation of anthropogenic greenhouse gases, adaption policies and other global climate change measures; *and*

WHEREAS, The potential impact of implementation of measures being considered on the national and international level is critical since mitigation costs could be substantial and will necessarily be borne in large part by consumers in each State; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC has an Ad Hoc Committee on Global Climate Change co-chaired by Commissioners from Ohio and Oregon; *and*

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Energy are convening a Forum on Global Climate in Columbus, Ohio, on September 7, 1995; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1995 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, supports NARUC's co-sponsorship, with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Energy, of the Forum on Global Climate Change; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the focus of this forum will be to inform State commissions and other interested parties on the current status of scientific opinions and international negotiations on global climate change.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Energy Conservation and Electricity
Adopted July 26, 1995*