

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Frederick F. Butler

WHEREAS, Commissioner Frederick F. Butler is a Member of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) since February 1999 and served as Chairman of the NARUC Committee on International Relations from 2000-03; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to that Commissioner Butler served the New Jersey General Assembly Democratic office as the Executive Director from 1991 to 1999, as the Deputy Executive Director from 1990-91, as the Budget Director from 1984 to 1990, as Assistant Director of Budget and Fiscal Analysis from 1982 to 1984; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to that Commissioner Butler served as the Deputy Director of the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning in the Department of the Treasury from 1979 to 1982, and served as a member of the Research Faculty of the Eagleton Institute of Politics' Center for Legislative Research and Service at Rutgers, the State University from 1976 to 1979; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Michigan State University Institute of Public Utilities and the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities' Advisory Council, and serves as a member of NARUC's Executive Committee, its Committee on Water and its Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler was the President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC) from 2001 to 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler is an active member of NARUC and worked to establish closer linkages with members of several international regulatory organizations by demonstrating his commitment to improving global regulatory practices; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler served as the NARUC liaison to the Presidium (governing body) of the Energy Regulators Regional Association for Central Europe/Eurasia from 2000-03, providing guidance and support to the new Association, which was created by NARUC and the U.S. Agency for International Development; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler is an active participant in international exchange programs and leads the NJBPU's partnership with the State Energy Regulatory Commission of Bulgaria under the NARUC Energy Regulatory Partnership Program which focuses on improving the regulatory process in Bulgaria; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler is noted for his familiarity with Bulgarian customs and practices through his interaction in the Bulgarian partnership and is a noted expert in making Board decisions on international cell phones while speeding through the streets of Sophia, Bulgaria in a taxi; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its March 2004 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C.,

expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Butler for his years of dedicated public service and his leadership of the Committee on International Relations; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on International Relations and all NARUC members convey their best wishes for Commissioner Butler in all of his future endeavors in NARUC and beyond.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors March 10, 2004