

Resolution Addressing International Accounting Rates

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on July 12, 1990, in CC Docket No. 90-337, adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which proposes to modify the international accounting rates that United States carriers use to settle their accounts with foreign telecommunications administrations; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has tentatively concluded that the current policies regarding international accounting rates and international settlements has resulted in an increase in the U.S. net settlements deficit from \$40 million in 1970 to \$2.4 billion in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The FCC has stated that of this \$2.4 billion net settlement deficit, perhaps as much as one half represents an overpayment by U.S. consumers to foreign carriers; and

WHEREAS, The current high accounting rates may represent subsidies to foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, The FCC proposal is being made to promote lower international accounting and collection rates; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 102nd Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, directs the NARUC General Counsel to file late filed comments in CC Docket No. 90-337 supporting the reduction in the current subsidies to foreign countries and the elimination of unjust discrimination and preferential rates through the reevaluation of international accounting settlements.

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