

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Judith Ripley of Indiana

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2005, Governor Mitch Daniels named Judith Ripley as Director of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions, where she will be the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the State agency that provides regulatory oversight of State chartered financial institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, In making this transition on August 1, 2005, Commissioner Ripley will be continuing seven years of distinguished service to the citizens of the State of Indiana and the United States that started on August 17, 1998 when she was appointed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission by Governor Frank O'Bannon; *and*

WHEREAS, During her service at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Commissioner Ripley quickly earned a reputation as a generalist, capable of handling cases from any of the industries regulated by the Commission, and for her adeptness in handling difficult and complex cases as the IURC's "utility outfielder;" *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ripley studied liberal arts and education at Indiana University and the University of Cincinnati, received her Bachelor of Law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, and, is a respected lawyer in Indianapolis acting as a past member of the Board of Governors of the Indianapolis Bar Association, an appointee to the Marion County Municipal Court Nominating Commission and a Delegate to the State Bar Association; *and*

WHEREAS, Since her first day as a Commissioner, Commissioner Ripley has always been a very active member of NARUC, serving as a member of the NARUC Committees on Energy Resources and the Environment, Consumer Affairs, as Vice Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Co-Chair of the Advisory Council to the Center for Public Utilities of New Mexico State University; and as a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations; *and*

WHEREAS, During her tenure at the Indiana Commission, Commissioner Ripley always enjoyed a good party; Each year, Commissioner Ripley anxiously anticipated her month-long birthday extravaganzas; *and*

WHEREAS, When Commissioner Ripley joined the Joint Board on Separations she quickly recognized that never before had a Board been more aptly named; not only did industry leaders hold separate opinions of what should happen with the Board, but Federal and State regulators also had *separate and not always equal* ideas regarding a "common meeting ground"; *and*

WHEREAS, In these instances, Commissioner Ripley stepped in and pointed out that Indianapolis was indeed at the center of the nation and therefore, it was only logical that the Board gather there to kick start the process; her idea was a hit and despite the fact that the Board has recently faced slower than normal times, thanks to Judy, at least they can say they met; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ripley has always been a strong advocate for the benefits of advanced technology. As such, she brought "Blackberry" technology to the Indiana Commission. The only downside to Judy's efforts was the overwhelming disappointment of her colleagues that this did not result in cobbler- blackberry or otherwise, for folks at the Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ripley has ably led the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in its efforts to increase the efficient use of numbering resources and reduce the frequency and the attending negative impacts of area code relief on the citizens of the State of Indiana, as well as offering keen insight and constructive suggestions to the Federal Communications Commission as it formulated policy on numbering issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Judy Ripley's example in leadership on numbering issues has clearly benefited not only the State of Indiana but the entire country, and both owe a debt of gratitude for this service; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its July 2005 Summer Meetings in Austin, Texas, extends its best wishes to Commissioner Ripley and hopes for success and happiness in her future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, the Consumer Affairs Committee, and the Telecommunications Committee
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