Resolution Honoring Michael Dworkin of Vermont

WHEREAS, Michael Dworkin served as Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board from February 1999 through February 2005; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin’s service to the Vermont PSB spanned more than 20 years, first as Communications Counsel, then as General Counsel, and finally as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin served ably and enthusiastically as Chair of NARUC’s Committee on Energy Resources and Environment for nearly two years, having previously chaired the committee’s environmental subcommittee and staff subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin’s regulatory activities included serving as President of NECPUC as well as service on NARUC’s Board of Directors, NARUC’s Ad Hoc Committee on Utility Restructuring, and the Advisory Committee of the Electric Power Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from Middlebury College, summa cum laude and as salutatorian, and his legal training from the Harvard Law School, where he was graduated cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin began his legal career as a law clerk for Judge Catherine Kelly of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and later spent five years in the U.S. EPA’s Office of General Counsel and four years as managing partner in a telecommunications consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin counts among his accomplishments the development of alternatives to traditional telecom regulation; the development of PSB principles regarding energy efficiency and resource planning; and the publication of a law journal article on the environmental duties of State public utility commissions; and

WHEREAS, During his public service, Chairman Dworkin has sought to help Vermont’s citizens find the best long-term balance of cost, choice, and value in utility services; and

WHEREAS, Many who have received e-mails from Chairman Dworkin suspect that he types with his elbows; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Dworkin’s thorough, cerebral PowerPoint presentations are rivaled only by those of Bob Rowe; and

WHEREAS, No one in NARUC’s history has composed as many “Whereas” clauses as Chairman Dworkin; 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, expresses its sincere appreciation to Chair Michael Dworkin for his outstanding public service and conveys to him its best wishes for all his future endeavors.

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Proposed by Committee on Energy Resources and Environment
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