Resolution in Support of National Laboratory Expert Assistance on Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Energy to Public Utility Commissions

U.S. Climate Change Action Plan of 1993, makes clear the need to move the nation
toward cleaner energy technologies and a diversified fuel base as a hedge against future
fuel disruptions, price volatility, and environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, Energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies are an essential
component of a diverse resource portfolio that is robust for a wide range of future fuel
supply scenarios and potential environmental regulations; and

planning and rates that make conservation and energy efficiency at least as profitable as
supply-side investments; and

Renewables, states that, "State utility regulatory policy is critically important to
renewable energy development [and] the full value of renewable resource investments is
not presently recognized in many resource planning and acquisition processes"; and

WHEREAS, Utility commissions around the country are and will continue to be
addressing issues related to energy efficiency and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Substantial technical, economic, and policy expertise on energy efficiency
and renewable energy is housed in the Nation's National laboratories, including the
National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Oak Ridge
National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Battelle National Laboratory, and
Pacific Northwest Laboratory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Executive Committee, convened at its 1994 Summer
Meetings in San Diego, California, urges the Department of Energy and the National
laboratories to create a pool of laboratory scientists and other experts who would be
available as expert witnesses on energy efficiency, portfolio and fuel diversity, and
renewable energy topics for utility commissions around the country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these experts be allowed, upon invitation, to submit testimony and
appear as expert witnesses in relevant proceedings.

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