

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

WHEREAS, National policy as enunciated in the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and the 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*

WHEREAS, The Energy Policy Act of 1992 encourages adoption of integrated resource planning and rates that make conservation and energy efficiency at least as profitable as supply-side investments; *and*

WHEREAS, The 1993 NARUC report, Investing in the Future, A Regulator's Guide to 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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