

Resolution Regarding Wind Energy Collaborative

WHEREAS, Wind energy costs have fallen, reliability has improved, and the public supports renewable energy; wind energy may be competitive in some areas with conventional electricity generation, offers fuel price risk hedging protection, and can meet utility requirements in a more competitive electric generation market; *and*

WHEREAS, Wind technology and cost efficiencies are likely to continue to improve, with wind-energy winning utility bids for low cost bulk power in a more competitive electricity generation market; *and*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC) has helped to establish the National Wind Coordinating Committee (NWCC) with the mission of realizing an environmentally, ecologically, economically, and politically self-sustaining commercial market for wind energy; *and*

WHEREAS, Organizations participating in the NWCC include NARUC; the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); the National Association of State Energy Officers; the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates; the U.S. Department of Energy; the Edison Electric Institute; the Electric Power Research Institute; investor owned utility companies and public and municipal utility associations; the American Wind Energy Association, and wind companies; state siting officials; and environmental groups; *and*

WHEREAS, The NWCC is working on wind transmission issues, sustainable markets for wind energy, avian issues, setting, resource assessment, and coordination with State regulators and legislators to improve wind energy information and its dissemination; *and*

WHEREAS, Efforts by many States legislators, regulatory commissioners and staff have resulted in a broad menu of wind energy regulatory and legislative activities including encouragement for utilities to join the Utility Wind Interest Group, policies for renewables set asides and wind energy incentives; opening renewable energy regulatory dockets and investigation; analyzing wind energy as a supply resource in Integrated Resource Planning; dealing with renewables bidding and acquisition procedures; and addressing wind energy resources, setting, and transmission issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Working in the context of the NWCC, representatives of NARUC and of the NCSL have realized that they share a common agenda of analytic issues, public policy concerns, and needs for information on wind energy issues and intend to coordinate their efforts to address their common issues and needs; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1995 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., will continue its participation in the NWCC; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That commissions are encouraged to study wind energy technology and its potential within their jurisdictions; seek to understand the role of renewable energy including wind energy in an increasingly competitive electric utility industry; and monitor utility wind energy activities in the Nation and in their region and State.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Electricity and Energy Conservation
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