

Resolution Honoring Angel Semerdjiev

WHEREAS, Mr. Angel Semerdjiev served as Commissioner of the State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission of Bulgaria from June 2000 - December 2006 and successfully promoted the importance of utility regulation and market liberalization of the electricity, gas, and water sectors in Bulgaria; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Semerdjiev served as Chairman of the Energy Regulatory Regional Association (ERRA) from October 2005 – January 2007, as Vice Chairman from May 2004 – October 2005, and as a Presidium Member from May 2003 – January 2007, and ensured the development of a professional organization representing energy regulatory agencies from more than 25 countries in Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia; *and*

WHEREAS, As Chairman of ERRA and a member of ERRA’s Licensing/Competition Committee, Commissioner Semerdjiev was vital to NARUC’s Regional Energy Regulatory Program for Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia (funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development) that supports the development of the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) for Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Semerdjiev worked relentlessly and effectively to improve ERRA’s international reputation and promote the exchange of best practices in energy regulation, in accordance with ERRA’s purpose and objectives; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Semerdjiev demonstrated his commitment to improving global regulatory practices and utilized his academic background by playing a critical role in the development of several training programs that strengthen the energy regulatory expertise in ERRA Member countries; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its February 2007 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Semerdjiev for his years of dedicated public service to the Association; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on International Relations and all NARUC members convey their best wishes for Commissioner Semerdjiev in all of his future professional endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 21, 2007*