

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Steve Furtney

WHEREAS, Commissioner Furtney has served as a Commissioner of the Wyoming Public Service Commission since 1997, many of those years as Deputy Chair and now Chairman; *and*

WHEREAS, During that time, Chairman Furtney gave generously of his time and expertise to serve the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Committee on Telecommunications and by sharing his insight and understanding of telecommunications regulatory issues through his active participation in the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services and many regional and NARUC telecommunications initiatives; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney shouldered a large share of the responsibility for implementing the Wyoming Telecommunications Act of 1995 and in bringing Wyoming's story to the national stage under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney also served honorably and effectively as an officer of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, most recently as its President. In that capacity, he worked diligently to enhance the Western Conference as an effective forum for discussion and understanding of the special challenges facing regulators in the western United States. His successful hosting of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Western Conference at Jackson, Wyoming, helped materially to advance the dialogue on western utility issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney led by example as a hard working and thoughtful commissioner who devoted all of the time and energy necessary to thoroughly review issues and prepare reasoned and principled positions, not counting the night and weekend hours but counting well made decisions, deliberating without rancor and with a willingness to listen to others; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney also led by example in his fairness and unfailing gentle sense of humor, enhancing the positive public perception of regulation and regulators in Wyoming and elsewhere; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to serving on the Commission, Chairman Furtney was no stranger to public service or tough decision-making, having served as an economist for the State of Wyoming since 1979, and as Administrator of the State's Division of Economic Analysis since 1991, on whose advice the Governor and the Legislature relied in fiscal matters; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney's sound advice was further sought by the Governor Jim Geringer who appointed him to his staff to work on economic issues facing the State before appointing him as Public Service Commissioner; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Furtney spent long hours driving icy and snowy roads to remote venues so that the people could participate in hearings without having to drive those same icy and snowy roads to get to Cheyenne; and he did so without ever losing his love of Wyoming's wildlife and natural beauty; *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., hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Furtney for his outstanding public service, his consistent good humor, his years of dedicated public service, his active leadership on telecommunications issues in NARUC; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Telecommunications and all NARUC members convey their best wishes to Chairman Furtney in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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