

Resolution Supporting Broadband Deployment

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC) has previously expressed its commitment through resolutions in past years to advancing the deployment of broadband technologies and access across the United States; *and*

WHEREAS, Current statistics show that the United States is falling behind many other nations in terms of broadband deployment, adoption and affordability; *and*

WHEREAS, All Americans deserve affordable access to the educational, civic, economic and informational benefits that broadband access delivers; *and*

WHEREAS, New technologies, including cable, wireless, satellite and BPL, hold promise in delivering affordable broadband services efficiently; *and*

WHEREAS, Ubiquitous access to reliable broadband Internet service is essential for our nation's economy to grow and compete in the 21st century economy; *and*

WHEREAS, The utility of broadband connections to cities, counties, public safety officers and command centers, parents, libraries and educators across the country would be enhanced by the availability of broadband technologies; *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., encourages endeavors that embrace the principles expressed in this resolution and seek to speed the deployment of affordable broadband technologies across the United States; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC encourage endeavors that will bring new network providers, including cable, wireless, satellite and BPL, into the market as these new providers will help make reliable broadband service more affordable and available; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC encourages members of Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to consider creative approaches to spectrum allocation and assignment policy that will speed the deployment of broadband technologies across the United States; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC directs its General Counsel, with the consent of NARUC leadership, to communicate this resolution, including supporting initiatives that seek to improve and speed broadband deployment across America, to all relevant policymakers, including Federal and State agencies and Congress.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs
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