

Resolution Affirming International Membership & Benefits

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) prides itself on the international relationships it has created with national regulatory agencies and regional regulatory associations; *and*

WHEREAS, As evidenced by its roles in the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) and World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER), NARUC is recognized in the international community as a leader; *and*

WHEREAS, International Associate Membership in NARUC is currently open to public utility regulatory agencies from around the world that have an interest in close and active participation with NARUC members and its committees; *and*

WHEREAS, International Associate members currently pay dues established by the NARUC Board of Directors and are:

- (1) invited to join the Committee or Staff Subcommittee on International Relations and/or other standing committees with observer (non-voting) status;
- (2) eligible to attend NARUC meetings at the reduced registration fee;
- (3) entitled to receive information on upcoming NARUC activities, and those hosted by other organizations that are endorsed or supported by NARUC, through email notifications and subscription to the NARUC Bulletin (e-newsletter);
- (4) listed in the NARUC Membership Directory;
- (5) invited to view the NARUC Website for technical reports and other topical materials prepared by the Domestic and International Departments; and
- (6) invited to submit short articles about recent regulatory developments for inclusion in the NARUC Bulletin to be recognized by NARUC and educate its membership; *and*

WHEREAS, There is an opportunity to enhance NARUC's commitment to building relationships with international regulators by expanding NARUC's international membership base by recognizing a subcategory of international regulators, unlikely to attend NARUC meetings, to be designated as "International Affiliate members;" *and*

WHEREAS, The creation of this new category will demonstrate that NARUC is committed to building long-term sustainable relationships, even if they are maintained through electronic means, as well as insuring potential funders and partners recognize the breadth of the global network that NARUC has created through its international work; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, will offer "International Affiliate" membership on a complimentary (zero fee) basis to all international regulators interested in affiliating with NARUC, but who are unlikely to ever attend NARUC meetings; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That these members will:

- (1) receive information on upcoming NARUC activities, and those hosted by other organizations that are endorsed or supported by NARUC, through email notifications and subscription to the NARUC Bulletin;
- (2) be listed in the NARUC Membership Directory as International Affiliates;
- (3) be invited to view the NARUC Website for technical reports and other topical materials prepared by the Domestic and International Departments; and
- (4) be entitled to a one-time registration fee waiver for one representative for an affiliate member organization that has not previously attended a NARUC meeting.

*Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations and Executive Committee
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