

Resolution Commending EPRI and Participants in the Electricity Technology Roadmap Initiative and Encouraging Intensified Development of Electricity-Related Science and Technology

WHEREAS, A reliable and environmentally beneficial U.S. electric power infrastructure is critical to future growth of the 21st century digital economy; *and*

WHEREAS, The Electricity Technology Roadmap Initiative was launched by EPRI in 1997 as an ongoing collaborative effort, now involving more than 150 participant organizations to strengthen the infrastructure and identify major opportunities for electricity-related innovation over the next 25 years; *and*

WHEREAS, EPRI President and CEO Kurt Yeager reported to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in plenary session at the 110th Annual NARUC Convention on the Roadmap Initiative's progress toward its goals of illuminating societal aspirations, identifying the roles for electricity innovation in achieving those aspirations, defining critical scientific and technical gaps that must be filled, establishing a research agenda that satisfies those gaps, and promoting the sustained public/private investment partnerships essential to achieving this agenda; *and*

WHEREAS, EPRI has prepared a Phase One Summary Report presenting initial conclusions and recommendations flowing from the discussions, workshops and other collaborative deliberations of the Initiative; *and*

WHEREAS, Pursuit and implementation of the vision of a comprehensive research agenda will present challenges and opportunities for the nation's entire infrastructure of energy-related research and development institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC has, on repeated occasions, expressed through resolutions *and* other actions its support for a broad and vigorous program of electricity-related research and development by EPRI, the electricity industry, the U.S. Department of Energy and others to serve the energy-related needs of the American public and our global neighbors; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 1999 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., commends EPRI and other participants in the Electricity Technology Roadmap Initiative for the vision, effort and commitment entailed in this undertaking, urges the continuation of this collaboration, and encourages greater participation in it by stakeholders throughout society; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the NARUC looks forward to EPRI's continuing reports and engagement with NARUC members in the Electricity Technology Roadmap process and recommends that the initial and ongoing results of the Roadmap process be made available to and consulted by all participants in the electricity industry and the energy research community; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the NARUC encourages strategic intensification of both public and private research and development activity in electricity-related fields to meet the economic, environmental and energy challenges of the next century and particularly encourages the development of public/private partnerships that can bring unique and magnified strengths to bear on those challenges.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

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