

Resolution Honoring Chair Arnetta McRae

WHEREAS, Arnetta McRae was appointed to the Delaware Public Service Commission in July 1996 and was the first woman of color to serve as Commissioner and assumed her current position as Chair in July 2001; *and*

WHEREAS, On November 1, 2011, Chair McRae began to serve as the CEO for the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE); *and*

WHEREAS, In 1994, Chair McRae was a founding member of the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) Women and Minority-Owned Natural Gas Business Development Program that in 2000 led to the formation of the DOE and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Energy Market Access Partnership. That partnership is now known as the Utility Market Access Partnership (UMAP); *and*

WHEREAS, Chair McRae has served as a UMAP leader since its inception and has been the catalyst which moved forward the adoption of UMAP by NARUC as a Subcommittee of the NARUC Board of Directors, thereby creating the Utility Marketplace Access (UMA) Subcommittee; *and*

WHEREAS, Chair McRae is dedicated to public utility regulation and showed her commitment and leadership in the following roles:

- ✓ As a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of NARUC; *and*
- ✓ As the most recent former Chair of NARUC's Committee on International Relations; *and*
- ✓ As a former President of the Mid Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC); *and*
- ✓ As a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI); *and*
- ✓ As one of the State of Delaware's representatives to the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC); *and*
- ✓ As one of the State of Delaware's representatives to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI); *and*
- ✓ As a member of NARUC's Subcommittee on UMA; *and*
- ✓ As a member of the National Regulatory Research Institute's (NRRI) Board of Directors; *and*
- ✓ As a member of New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities' Advisory Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Chair McRae has shared her expertise in utility regulation by participating in various exchanges by visiting as well as hosting her regulatory peers from several African, Asian, South American and European countries; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to Chair McRae's tenure at the Commission, she spent eighteen years as counsel to DuPont Corporation providing legal services for domestic and international business units; *and*

WHEREAS, Chair McRae is dedicated to public education, arts, and civic service and showed her commitment and leadership in the following roles:

- ✓ As a member of the Board of Education of New Castle County Vocational Technical School District in Delaware; *and*
- ✓ As a past president of the Delaware School Boards Association, a past member of the Board of Directors and Northeast Region Director of the National Black Caucus of School Board Members; *and*
- ✓ As a member on the Chief Executive Officer's Advisory Council of the Girl Scouts of Chesapeake Bay Council; *and*
- ✓ As a former member of the Board of Directors of the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, Delaware; *and*

WHEREAS, Arnetta McRae originally hails from Jersey City, New Jersey and is a proud “Jersey Girl”; *and*

WHEREAS, Chair McRae holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, and a Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, expresses its sincere appreciation to Chair Arnetta McRae for her years of dedicated public service and her leadership; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That all NARUC members convey their best wishes to Chair McRae as she embarks as the President and CEO of the American Association of Blacks in Energy as well as continues her involvement in NARUC activities.

Sponsored by the Subcommittee on Utility Marketplace Access, the Subcommittee on Education and Research, and the Committee on International Relations
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