Resolution Honoring Clifton Below

WHEREAS, Commissioner Clifton Below served as a Commissioner of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission from 2005 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below has served in a variety of regional and national leadership positions, including as co-chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and the Smart Grid and Demand Response Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below served as President of the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below served in the New Hampshire legislature from 1992 to 2004, including as chair of several key committees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below’s experience in the New Hampshire legislature provided him experience in cobbling together compromise at NARUC meetings; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below served as one of New Hampshire’s Directors on the Board of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) since 2005, and has been instrumental in designing and operating this successful CO2 cap-and-trade program to reduce emissions at least cost for his State and the region; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Below had a creative mind that always searched for innovative solutions to address the problem at hand, including once cobbling together a backpack, chair, and possibly chewing gum to keep a particularly stubborn door from swinging open during an ERE session; and

WHEREAS, Despite being from the “Live Free or Die” State, Commissioner Below advanced the interests of regulation, impinging only somewhat upon the liberty of some utility companies without any resulting deaths; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2012 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., commends Commissioner Clifton on his service to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and on all his efforts working in public service.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

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