

***Resolution Honoring Elizabeth B. “Lib” Fleming, Commissioner,
Public Service Commission of South Carolina***

WHEREAS, Elizabeth B. “Lib” Fleming has served and continues to serve as a member of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, having been elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2006 and 2010, and elected to serve as its Chairman in 2008; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming serves NARUC faithfully as a staunch member and has served NARUC in exemplary fashion as Chair and Vice-chair of its Committee on Critical Infrastructure, member of its Board of Directors, a valued member of its Committee on Electricity, and as Secretary of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Under Commissioner Fleming’s leadership, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure has spearheaded recent NARUC initiatives regarding cyber security, interdependencies, energy assurance, geomagnetic disturbances, information security, pandemic issues, spare transformers, water resiliency, high impact/low frequency events, hurricane and tornado recovery efforts by utilities, and strategic planning for the Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming has contributed to significant work on utility issues with the White House, Congress, and the U.S. Departments of Energy and Homeland Security, among others, recognizing the changing economic landscape and keeping in mind the very real present and future needs for energy viability and affordability; *and*

WHEREAS, Even prior to joining the Public Service Commission, Commissioner Fleming established an impressive record of service to her community and the citizens of South Carolina – including Board member of the Spartanburg Development Council, active membership in the National League of Cities, member of Development Corporation Loan Review Committee, Board member of the Appalachian Council of Governments and Chair of the Regional Transportation Committee, member of Spartanburg City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Spartanburg; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming brings to her work a balance of public needs, private needs, civic needs, and corporate interests, exemplifying public service including her other civic involvement such as Board membership of: the United Way of the Piedmont, the Spartanburg Urban League and the regional Urban League of the Upstate, American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Phyllis Wheatley Association, Eastside Coalition Chamber of Commerce, and the Spartanburg County SAFE Home Network (charter member); *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming treasures the important personal connections made through the work she has fostered to be accomplished and as evidenced by the camaraderie established and laughter shared and how NARUC and its members – her friends – have been supportive of her through difficult personal times; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming cherished her role of devoted wife to her husband Harold who was her biggest fan and who encouraged her all along and urged her first run for election to Spartanburg’s City Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming relishes her role of devoted mother to Edd, Nick, Betsy, and Melissa, and devoted grandmother to Carson, Caroline, Addie Elizabeth and Beatrice, as well as master of her dog Glory B while relishing in Glory B's exploits; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming has sincere passion for the arts and demonstrates her belief in the value of lifelong learning, having received her Bachelor of Arts from Converse College, graduating from the Leadership Spartanburg and Leadership South Carolina programs, and serving: on the Board of Visitors of Converse College, as a Board member of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Foundation, as president of the Cultural Center Foundation, and as Board member of Friends of the Arts; *and*

WHEREAS, Some of Commissioner Fleming's dedication to service and passion for giving back has been recognized through various awards she has received including: 2010 Converse College Distinguished Alumna Award, Urban League of the Upstate Humanitarian Award, the Spartanburg Conservation Endowment Volunteer of the Year, and Converse College's Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for Outstanding Citizenship; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming lives a life of fitness, having twice completed the Big Sur Power Walk marathon, and aspires to run a marathon; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fleming has surprised even herself, as well as others, with her participation in some of NARUC's late-night and more dubious outings and adventures; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Commissioner Fleming for her past, present, and continuing service to the Association, the citizens of South Carolina and the United States, to her colleagues, and to the public interest; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC and all of its members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Fleming in all of her continued endeavors and service.

Sponsored by the Committee on Critical Infrastructure

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Adopted by the NARUC Committee of the Whole, November 16, 2011