

Resolution Honoring Illinois Commissioner Erin O'Connell-Diaz

WHEREAS, After over twenty years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Illinois and the United States, Commissioner Erin O'Connell-Diaz is stepping down to pursue other interests; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz was appointed Commissioner of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) in 2003 and reappointed to a second term on the ICC in 2008; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz graduated from St. Mary's College of Notre Dame-Cum Laude (BS History-Government), and received her J.D. from Loyola University School of Law; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz, who is a member of the Harvard Electric Policy Group, has established a national reputation for expertise and insight across a range of critical infrastructure sectors, serving as the Chair of NARUC's Electricity Committee, and on NARUC's Board of Directors; *and*

WHEREAS, She has also been active on the Committees on Water, Utility Marketplace Access, International Relations and Critical Infrastructure, serving on the EPRI Advisory Council, NARUC's Rate School Faculty, the Advisory Board of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum and as a Vice-Chair of the NARUC Joint Subcommittee on Environmental Policy and Practice; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to her appointment as a Commissioner, Ms. O'Connell-Diaz already had a distinguished career of public service, serving as an Illinois Assistant Attorney General-General Law Division (1983-1991), an Illinois Commerce Commission Administrative Law Judge (1991-2003), and Assistant Director-Administrative Law Division; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz, in her home community is a Trustee and Board member of the Bull Valley Association, Past Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Public Utility Law Division and has been on the Board of Trustees-Regina Dominican High School and is a lifetime member of the Naval Reserve Association; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC will miss Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz's boundless energy and leadership across the range of her NARUC activities; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Summer Meetings in Denver, Colorado, extend their gratitude to Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz for her service to NARUC, Illinois and the citizens of the United States, and their best wishes to Ms. O'Connell-Diaz in her future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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