

Resolution Honoring Jennifer Richardson

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2010, Jennifer Richardson completed nine years of public service to National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the citizens of the State of Indiana; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer earned her B.A. from Purdue University in 1994 and her M.P.A. in Public Affairs from Indiana University in 2001; *and*

WHEREAS, Before joining the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, she worked as a Specialized Utility Paralegal for a litigation group from 1995 to 1997; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer then admirably served the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission as Principal Utility Analyst from 2000 to 2004; Assistant Director of Telecommunications from 2003 to 2006; and Chief Federal & Legislative Policy Advisor from 2006 to 2010; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer dedicated her time of service to bettering the regulatory landscape within the State of Indiana and advancing the technological opportunities afforded to its citizens as well as the companies that thrive there; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer worked tirelessly to implement the landmark bill in Indiana, House Enrolled Act 1279, which largely deregulated the telecommunications industry in 2006 and provided the Commission with new and expanded authority; *and*

WHEREAS, Her significant contributions and successes were recognized by the Governor's Public Service Award for Excellence in 2006, which is presented to exemplary employees or groups of employees for accomplishments that reflect initiative, leadership, and a strong commitment to service; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer dedicated her time to establish the Indiana Universal Service Fund in 2007 so that all households, whether in a remote area or in the city, may obtain and maintain telephone service and have access to comparable services at comparable prices; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer led the staff effort to exempt Indiana and other States that had already adopted State-level video franchise reform from the FCC's decision to streamline cable franchising due to the fact that States were best positioned to deal with their individual video markets; *and*

WHEREAS, Throughout her years of service on the Indiana Commission staff, Jennifer was active on the NARUC Telecommunications Subcommittee, in addition to several working subcommittees of the Staff Subcommittee; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer was appointed to State Staff membership of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service in 2001 and served continuously through 2010 when she resigned from the Indiana Commission, thereby qualifying for “older than dirt” membership along with fellow State staffers Joel Shifman and Lori Kenyon, and alongside longtime member Billy Jack Gregg; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer was State Staff Chair of the Joint Board from 2005 through 2010, and led the State staff efforts that were largely responsible for producing the unanimously-approved November 2007 Recommended Decision on the High Cost funds and proposed inclusion of broadband as among the supported services for the first time, as well as creation of a wireless fund designed to support capital construction in high-cost areas; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer also served as a member of the State Staff for the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (the 706 Joint Conference), when that body was reconstituted in May 2008 after a hiatus of some three years; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer served as a trusted advisor and colleague to both NARUC members and Indiana Commission staff members by diligently working to always get the job done and providing sound advice on matters of social and economic importance; *and*

WHEREAS, Jennifer translated the arcane, convoluted and innovative ideas of State and federal leaders into obtainable goals and action items and then delivered on those objectives; *and*

WHEREAS, Her colleagues at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the industry, and NARUC will miss her dedication to public service and vast knowledge and experience on regulatory issues across all industry sectors; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2010 Summer Committee Meetings in Sacramento, California, extends to Jennifer Richardson of Indiana its sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Indiana; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Jennifer Richardson the best of luck and continued success in her future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 21, 2010*