

### ***Resolution Honoring Lou Ann Westerfield***

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann Westerfield recently retired as a Policy Strategist from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC); *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann received a B.A. in English from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, in 1976, and an M.S. in Accounting from the University of Arkansas in 1982; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann has worked in utility regulation since 1988. Since 2000, she has held her position as a policy strategist with the IPUC. Previously, she was a rate analyst for the Wyoming Public Service Commission from 1995 to 2000. She also held senior policy analyst and rate analyst positions for the Arkansas Public Service Commission from 1988 to 1995. Prior to her work experience in utility regulation, she worked as an internal auditor and financial analyst for two municipal utilities; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann has taken her regulatory positions seriously and attended regulatory schools in ratemaking principles, power plant systems, forecasting, real-time pricing, integrated resource planning, financial analysis, and negotiation; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann has been active in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) since 1989. Her NARUC roles have been plenty: Lou Ann was Chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Strategic Issues from 1997 to 2000; she was Lead Staff for Model Interconnection Agreement & Procedures since 2002; she served on the NARUC/FERC Collaborative on Competitive Procurement since 2007; she was Lead Staff since 2005 on the Transmission Access and Market Rules Working Group; and, she served on the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity since 1989, serving as Chair from 2000-2003; *and*

**WHEREAS**, In her NARUC roles, Lou Ann has advised commissioners around the country on energy policy issues affecting the electric and gas industries and participated on behalf of commissions and NARUC in State, regional, and national forums on energy issues. These issues include: resource planning, adequacy, and procurement; reliability; customer resources, energy price and supply volatility; renewable resource development; wind integration; generation interconnection; regional transmission coordination; hydroelectric relicensing; wholesale market monitoring; inter-jurisdictional cost allocations; and public utility mergers. She has worked diligently with other States and stakeholders on regional and national issues affecting the electric utility industry; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann was a 'founding member' of the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG). Her input was crucial in the development and structure of NTTG, which is unique in that NTTG accommodates State regulatory participation and membership in its Steering, Planning and Cost Allocation Committees. Lou Ann chaired the NTTG Cost Allocation Committee from 2008-2009, and was instrumental in the development and publication of the first NTTG Cost Allocation Recommendation Report. Lou Ann could always be counted on to speak her mind and to advocate for NTTG on issues surrounding regional transmission planning and cost allocation; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann's other professional organization participation includes serving on the Western Electricity Coordinating Counsel's (WECC's) Market Monitoring Work Group for the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, including Chair for 10 years, as well as on WECC's Market Interface Committee Steering Committee and Market Interface Committee; Market Issues Subcommittee. On the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), Lou Ann served 11 years as Representative on behalf of NARUC on the Executive Committee, Wholesale Electric Quadrant, State Regulatory Segment, as well as on NAESB's Advisory Council, and its Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Task Force. Lou Ann also served as the State Regulatory Representative on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Standards Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann has always been willing to listen to both sides of an issue and has sought to understand the concerns of all parties in order to achieve the best for both consumers and regulated utilities. The utility industry admires Lou Ann's leadership and has always valued her candid and expert advice; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann's strong work ethic, wicked sense of humor and regular supply of "smokes" could always be counted on to get her colleagues through a NARUC meeting; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann loves trains and always looked to the future. Consequently, she was a rocker in the band she named "The Train for Tomorrow." Lou Ann is a talented acoustic bass guitarist and continues to "rock." She is fondly known as a really cool, groovy gal who loves utility regulation challenges; *and*

**WHEREAS**, NARUC will miss Lou Ann's tenacity and leadership and long standing sage and candid advice in the years to come; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, extend their gratitude to Lou Ann Westerfield for her service to NARUC and the citizens of many states, and wish Lou Ann well in her retirement years.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity*

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