Resolution Honoring Minnesota Commissioner Phyllis Reha

WHEREAS, Commissioner Phyllis Reha was appointed Commissioner of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) in 2001 and reappointed to a second term on the Commission in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Phyllis Reha earned her Bachelor Degree from the University of Minnesota, and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Phyllis Reha was recently appointed by U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu to serve on the Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) and employ her expertise to advise on issues relating to smart grid technologies, transmission infrastructure, energy storage, and renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reha is a key member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Collaborative on Smart Response, which is a venue for State and federal regulators to discuss issues and make recommendations for State and federal policies to support both smart grid and demand response; and

WHEREAS, She has earned a national reputation for expertise and insight across a range of energy sectors, as the Chair of NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee as well as on the NARUC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, She also is active on the Advisory Councils of the National Council on Electricity Policy, the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities, and the Financial Research Institute of the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her appointment as a Commissioner, Ms. Reha already had a distinguished career of public service, serving as an Administrative Law Judge for 20 years and an Adjunct Professor for 13 years at Hamline University Graduate School of Public Administration and Management; and

WHEREAS, NARUC will miss Commissioner Reha’s energy, willing spirit 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 its 2013 Summer Meetings in Denver, Colorado, extend their gratitude to Commissioner Reha for her service to NARUC, her service to the citizens of the United States and their best wishes to her in future endeavors.

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