Resolution Honoring Missouri Commissioner Kevin Gunn

WHEREAS, After serving on the Missouri Public Service Commission since 2008, Chairman Kevin Gunn is stepping down to be closer to his family; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Gunn was appointed Chair of the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) in 2011, and served with distinction during his tenure as chair; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Gunn served on NARUC's Committee on Electricity, Energy Resources and the Environment, as Co-Chair of the Washington Action Program, as a constant and trusted contributor to the efforts of the Committee on International Relations as its Co-Vice Chair, and as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gunn was an active member of the Committee on International Relations, serving as Co-Vice Chair since April 2011; and

WHEREAS, He was the inaugural winner of a new Award created by the Committee on International Relations: Promoting International Cooperation Among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation in Honor of Terry Barnich (“Terry Barnich Award”) for the promotion of International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation and to acknowledge important contributions made by an outstanding individual from among the NARUC membership who has dedicated his/her time, energy and expertise to furthering regulatory best practices in a global environment; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Gunn was honored because of his work in 2011 under NARUC-facilitated partnership between the Missouri PSC and the National Agency for Energy Regulation of Moldova, which was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development; and

WHEREAS, In particular, under Chairman Gunn’s leadership, the Missouri PSC gave the Moldovan agency full access and rights to its Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), an in-kind contribution valued at $2.4 million. With this system, the National Agency for Energy Regulation dramatically increased their productivity and better tracks utilities’ filings and provide timely responses to inquiries and petitions; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gunn was a thoughtful and articulate leader who shared regulatory best practices within NARUC and around the world, including with Central American energy regulators in Guatemala and at the World Forum on Energy Regulation V in Quebec City, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Gunn distinguished himself in the area of transmission planning and development, having served on the historic Eastern Interconnection States’ Planning Council (EISPC), representing the 39 States and eight Canadian Provinces located within the Eastern Interconnection electric transmission grid. Chairman Gunn also served on the Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) and the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) of EISPC; and
WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment as a Commissioner, Mr. Gunn already had a distinguished career of public service, serving as Chief of Staff for then Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, working for several large law firms in St. Louis, and on the Webster Groves City Council; and

WHEREAS, NARUC will miss Chairman Gunn’s boyish grin and boundless energy, political savvy, similarities to Fred Astaire, lovely wife Amy and sons Nathan and Conner, as well as his valuable contributions to 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 Gunn for his service to NARUC, Missouri and the citizens of the United States and their best wishes to Mr. Gunn in his future endeavors.

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