Resolution Honoring William M. Nugent

WHEREAS, For at least the last twenty-two years, William M. Nugent has remained a significant, persistent, and respected voice at the national and regional levels, using his time and efforts to positively impact public utility policy; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a Commissioner in 1991, Mr. Nugent prepared for that position though a variety of jobs that also directly served the public interest, including, in reverse chronological order: President of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, Chief Operating Officer of Envirolec Data, Inc., Commissioner of the Michigan Lottery, Michigan’s Deputy Budget Director, an aide to the Governor of Michigan and the Mayor of Detroit, a staff member of a White House Council, a staff assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, a newsman and editor; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Nugent’s service as a member of the Public Utilities Commission of Maine from October 1991 through June 2003 he gained national stature through both his work in Maine and though extensive involvement in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving an extraordinary 18 month term as NARUC President, along with service on NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, NARUC Committee on International Relations, NARUC Executive Committee, and NARUC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after leaving the Maine Commission, Mr. Nugent dived back into public service again, this time as the Executive Director for the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners (NECPUC); and

WHEREAS, His work at NECPUC for the last eight years continued at the same intensity and caliber to protect State authority and facilitate coordinated action among NECPUC’s members; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nugent always managed that most difficult of balances, getting things done with everyone involved still respecting (and liking him) after the work was done: and

WHEREAS, Few can look back over their careers and know they made a difference, but Mr. Nugent is one of the fortunate few; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its November 2012 Annual Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland, extends its sincere appreciation and affection to Bill Nugent for his outstanding public service, and conveys to him its best wishes for all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the NARUC Executive Committee
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