

Resolution in Support of Appliance Efficiency Standards Internationally

WHEREAS, Continued investment in energy efficiency is an essential component of sustainable economic growth for all nations; *and*

WHEREAS, Appliance energy efficiency standards are one of the most cost-effective means of achieving energy efficiency, with standards implemented in the U.S. expected to result in \$33 billion cumulative net dollar savings from 1990 to 2010, with an average benefit-cost ratio of 3.5 and a 5% reduction expected in residential energy consumption by the year 2010; *and*

WHEREAS, By reducing energy consumption, appliance efficiency standards help preserve environmental quality and reduce the need for construction of expensive electric generation facilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Many utilities are participating in DSM market transformation programs for such products as high-efficiency refrigerators, lighting components, clothes washers, and residential central air conditioners; *and*

WHEREAS, Over time, appliance efficiency standards reduce ratepayer expenditures for utility DSM programs; *and*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has a long history of supporting appliance efficiency standards because of the benefits they provide energy consumers, energy utility companies, and society as a whole; *and*

WHEREAS, The governments of Japan, Australia, China, Malaysia, India, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Mexico, Canada, and several EU countries have implemented mandatory or voluntary standards for some products and are in the process of expanding their standards programs; *and*

WHEREAS, The governments of many other nations have efforts underway to introduce standards to their countries; *and*

WHEREAS, It benefits U.S. businesses operating internationally, including energy utility companies, for other nations to implement energy performance standards and improve their economic efficiency; *and*

WHEREAS, Sharing the successful U.S. experience with other countries helps facilitate the effective implementation of appliance standards, as has happened with China, the Philippines, and Mexico; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1999 Winter Meetings in Washington, DC, urges the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop a program for sharing its successful experience promulgating appliance efficiency standards in the U.S. with its

counterparts in other nations in order to help facilitate the use of energy efficiency standards globally; *and, be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand its efforts supporting appliance efficiency standards in other nations to help these countries reduce environmental stresses; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC urges the U.S. Agency for International Development (U.S. AID) to assign high priority to its efforts to provide technical assistance on appliance efficiency standards to developing countries and to provide sustained, multi-year funding for this assistance; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC urges the U.S. Congress to provide policy support and sustained, multi-year funding for DOE, EPA, and U.S. AID efforts to provide technical assistance on appliance efficiency standards to developing countries and to otherwise promote the use of appliance efficiency standards globally.

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