

Resolution in Support of U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership

WHEREAS, There is a strong link between the application of energy-efficient technologies and the opportunity to protect the environment through the reduction of pollution resulting from the generation and use of energy; *and*

WHEREAS, The ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a voluntary demand-side approach which reduces the adverse impacts of global warming and other effects of atmospheric emissions; *and*

WHEREAS, The goal of the EPA ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership is to use energy-efficient technologies to reduce waste and achieve energy savings; *and*

WHEREAS, The ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership works with building owners and other end-use consumers to implement a proven five-stage approach to help them maximize their buildings' energy efficiency and savings; *and*

WHEREAS, The program strategy is designed to make a building's energy systems work together as efficiently as possible by using proven technologies that maximize cost savings in commercial and industrial buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, Participants in the partnership only perform energy efficiency upgrades that are profitable (achieving at least 20% internal rate of return); *and*

WHEREAS, As estimated by EPA, participants can expect to save an estimated 30% of their energy costs to run their buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, The ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership will improve the occupants' comfort and productivity, reducing pollution and building operating costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), convened at its 1998 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. supports the U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR Buildings Partnership and encourages participation by building owners and other end-use consumers in this partnership to achieve energy efficiency and to improve the environment.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Energy Resources and Electricity
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