

***Resolution Recognizing the 40-Year Collaborative Relationship Between NARUC and the
Electric Power Research Institute***

WHEREAS, The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) was founded in 1972 as part of an industry- and government-wide effort to address a vital national challenge through the creation of a research and development organization related to the generation, delivery, and use of electricity for the public benefit; *and*

WHEREAS, EPRI is primarily funded by the nation's electric utilities, and those costs are passed through to their consumers who also receive the benefits of the research; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to EPRI's founding, regulatory agencies and their affiliates, including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, considered an entity that could provide useful research worthy of State regulatory support, and recognized that State and Federal government support would be crucial to the success of any such research entity; *and*

WHEREAS, In November 1972, the NARUC Executive Committee passed a *Resolution Re: Research Program of EPRI*, extending NARUC's "cooperation and support" to EPRI; *and*

WHEREAS, That Resolution also expressed NARUC's support for State utility commissioner representation on the EPRI Advisory Council as indicia of regulatory support and public interest in EPRI's programs; *and*

WHEREAS, Since that time, the ERPI Advisory Council has always included 10 State utility Commissioners appointed by NARUC, who inject crucial insights and public interest perspectives into the discussions informing EPRI's research and development portfolios; *and*

WHEREAS, After passage of that 1972 Resolution, NARUC, through its members and staff, participated in the first meeting of the EPRI Advisory Council in 1973, where they discussed a number of organizational and substantive issues that led to the development and growth of the Institute; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, As EPRI approaches its 40th year of collaboration and cooperation with NARUC commissioners next year, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, expresses its sincere congratulations and appreciation to EPRI; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC recognizes the many accomplishments of the past four decades, and specifically endorses continuation of this special relationship, given the importance of EPRI's mission and its contributions to society.

Sponsored by the NARUC Executive Committee

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors November 14, 2011

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