Resolution Supporting the Energy Fitness Program

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies has established the Energy Fitness Program to encourage increased delivery of energy efficiency and new high efficiency technologies to State and local governments and to private customers by the Performance Contracting and Energy Service Company (PC/ESCO) Industry; and

WHEREAS, Ongoing restructuring in the electric and natural gas industries creates an environment where the PC/ESCO industry will be an important vehicle for delivering energy efficiency and high efficiency technologies into the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Fitness Program is based on partnerships with stakeholders in the PC/ESCO industry including suppliers of these services, customers of these services, and other organizations that can contribute to increased delivery of energy efficiency and new high efficiency technologies by the PC/ESCO industry; and

WHEREAS, The PC/ESCO industry includes both independent companies and companies that are affiliated with electric and natural gas utilities; and

WHEREAS, State public utility commissions encourage efficient use of energy and introduction of new high efficiency technologies, and can promote effectiveness of the PC/ESCO industry as a vehicle for delivering energy efficiency and high efficiency technologies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1996 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., agrees that the NARUC cooperate with the Department of Energy's Energy Fitness Program by:

  · advising in the preparation and distribution of a guide to removing barriers to the PC/ESCO industry doing business with state, county, and city governments,

  · increasing awareness of the Energy Fitness Program through presentations at national meetings and by providing information to its members, and

  · providing information to the Energy Fitness Program about barriers to delivery of energy efficiency technologies to government and private customers and projects that have been successful in overcoming these barriers.

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