

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Leroy Koppendrayer

WHEREAS, Leroy Koppendrayer has had a distinguished career as a member and as a Chairman of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer is a native of Princeton, Minnesota; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer attended Vermillion State Junior College, Anoka Vocational Technical Institute, and Dunwoody Institute; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer has worked as a truck driver for Reserve Mining Company, a heavy equipment operator, a manager for Fingerhut Corporation, and a self-employed agricultural consultant and dairy farmer; *and*

WHEREAS, In his capacity as an agricultural consultant, Chairman Koppendrayer spent time in Africa, Indonesia, Jamaica, the Philippines, and South Africa for the purpose of helping farmers to improve their economic positions and their quality of life; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1990 until 1998; *and*

WHEREAS, While a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Chairman Koppendrayer worked on a broad range of issues, including agricultural issues, educational issues, and energy issues; *and*

WHEREAS, During a portion of his career in the Minnesota House of Representatives, Chairman Koppendrayer served as Assistant Minority Leader and House Republican Whip; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Governor Arne Carlson in December 1997, and was subsequently reappointed to a second term by Governor Tim Pawlenty in December 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer was made Chairman of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in 2003; *and*

WHEREAS, While a member of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Chairman Koppendrayer worked on numerous important issues, including the establishment of electric reliability standards, the siting and routing of energy facilities, and the development of renewable energy facilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer was active in regional regulatory activities, having served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States, Inc.; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer was an active advocate for the rights of the ratepayers of nuclear utilities, having served for many years as Chairman of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition; *and*

WHEREAS, As part of his forceful advocacy of the proper implementation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, Chairman Koppendrayer testified before Congress and regularly communicated with federal officials in an effort to ensure that the monies contributed to the Nuclear Waste Fund were used exclusively for their intended purpose; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, having served as a member of the Committee on Electricity, the Committee on International Relations, and the Subcommittees on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal, and Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Strategic Issues, a subcommittee which discussed important issues of electric policy such as those relating to the proposed restructuring of the electric power industry; *and*

WHEREAS, While Chairman Koppendrayer was a forceful advocate for the causes in which he believed, he approached controversial issues with good humor and an unfailing respect for the views of others; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer's consistent good humor and geniality invariably helped NARUC deal with numerous controversial issues in a successful manner; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer has resigned his position on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Koppendrayer's colleagues at NARUC will miss his friendship and his contributions to their shared work on behalf of the public; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2008 Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon, expresses its gratitude to Chairman Koppendrayer for his distinguished career in public service and offers its best wishes to him for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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