

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Ron Jones

WHEREAS, Ron Jones was appointed to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in July 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones served as the Chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones served on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors and the Ad Hoc Committee on Utility Market Access, and chaired the Consumer Affairs Committee for three years; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones served in the utility sector for 19 years with the Tennessee Public Service Commission and the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones earned his undergraduate degree from St. Johns University and Tennessee State University; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones, while serving as the Chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, worked to lift the morale of the agency through an open-door policy, to provide consistency by initiating the development of agency wide policies, and to afford all parties a fair and unfettered opportunity to be heard; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones successfully kept informed on national issues while simultaneously ensuring that the concerns and interests of Tennesseans, including those in the most rural communities of the State, were fully and competently addressed; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones challenged those around him to think critically and to consider novel and innovative approaches to the changing regulatory environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones encouraged the full expression of all positions in a forum open to public debate; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones actively supported the deployment of affordable and effective broadband access to all communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones' departure from the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will leave the Consumer Affairs Committee with some big shoes to fill and a kindred soul to replace; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones diligently worked to push consumer issues to the forefront of NARUC and focused national attention on the LIHEAP funding issue, Caller-ID Fraud, and Digital TV transition; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones always had a smile on his face, a dimple in his chin, and a gleam in his eyes, even when others around him might be pouting; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones never took the shirt off anybody's back, but did manage to pluck out a peacock's feather as a prized souvenir during a special event at the Austin Zoo during the NARUC Summer Meetings; *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, extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Jones for his outstanding public service and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Consumer Affairs
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