

Resolution Honoring Chairman Wendell Holland of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

WHEREAS, Chairman Wendell F. Holland assumed Commissionership for the second time in his career in September 2003, having previously served from 1990-1993; *and*

WHEREAS, As one of the nation's largest State Utility Commissions, Chairman Wendell Holland was at the forefront of three major pieces of Pennsylvanian legislation that ushered in significant reforms to renewable energy, telecommunications, and consumer services; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland chaired the commission at a time of utility mergers and acquisitions of historic proportion, and restructurings in the energy, telecommunications and water industries; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland was an involved member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners as Treasurer and chairman of the Association's Investment and Audit committees, as well as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland also served as President of Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC) and the Organization of PJM States; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland was an ardent supporter of the endeavors of the Committee on Water throughout the years, including the National Drinking Water Symposium, serving as a long-time member of the Water Rate School faculty, staunchly supporting affordability efforts, and is credited with the advancement of the regulatory mechanisms deemed as Best Practices, particularly the Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC); *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to his involvement on the domestic front, Chairman Holland also served as a trainer in international programs relating to regulatory reform and energy sustainability by participating in technical meetings overseas and hosting foreign delegations in Harrisburg; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland led the Pennsylvania PUC in two international regulatory partnerships with the Energy Regulation Board of Zambia and the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia; *and*

WHEREAS, As a partner in the New York City based law firm of LeBouef, Lamb, Chairman Holland was retained by the multinational Southern African Development Community to draft its Energy Protocol and served as lead energy counsel; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to his recent service at the PUC, Chairman Holland has served on various corporate and national boards and committees, and as a Judge; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland was a star basketball player at Lower Merion High School in the 1970s and was recently inducted into the school's Hall of Fame; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Holland is the recipient of the Spirit of Rev. Martin Luther King's Legacy Award in Public Service and the 2007 Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award from the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America; *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 Holland and welcomes him to the ranks of NARUC Commissioners Emeritus.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee and the Committees on International Relations and Water

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