Resolution Supporting the Development of a Study Group with AGA and Other Industry Groups to Review Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Proposals

WHEREAS, A number of pipeline safety rulemaking proposals are before the Research and Special Programs Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, including those in Notice 2 of RSPA Rulemaking Docket PS-124; and

WHEREAS, The pipeline safety concerns of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), including these rulemaking initiatives, would benefit from discussion and exchange of views with industry representatives; and

WHEREAS, The American Gas Association (AGA) at the NARUC Staff Subcommittee of Pipeline Safety meeting of June 23, 1997 in East Lansing, Michigan, has offered to coordinate discussions between industry representatives and States' safety regulators on these rulemaking initiatives and other safety issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, NARUC welcomes the opportunity to work with AGA and other industry representatives for the mutual benefit of ratepayers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, A technical committee will be established consisting of representatives from NARUC and Staff, AGA, American Public Gas Association, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives and industry to study this issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 1997 Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California, that it supports the development of a study group to review those issues pertaining to pipeline safety rulemaking proposals.

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Sponsored by the Committee on Gas
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