

National Association of Regulatory Commissioners Resolution
Honoring Ruth K. Kretschmer of Illinois

WHEREAS, Ruth K. Kretschmer served as a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission from July 1983 through December 31, 2002, during four consecutive appointments and serving for virtually the same period held the position of Chairman of the Commission's Gas Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kretschmer is a member of the Advisory Council of the Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Gas Technology Institute, where she shares her expertise and experience in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, She has served the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) faithfully and with distinction, as past Chairman of the NARUC Gas Committee during a time of change as the States and the natural gas industry considered unbundling and restructuring initiatives at the State and federal level, and serving on NARUC's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth K. Kretschmer provided her leadership as she graciously shared her time representing Illinois as a member of the Mid America Regulatory Conference and served as President from June 1995 to June 1996, and also served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Regulatory Studies at Illinois State University from 1985 through 1996, additionally in January 1989, she was appointed to the Advisory Council on the Gas Research Institute and chaired the Council in 1995 and 1996, while also serving as a

member of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee from May 1991 through May 1994; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth K. Kretschmer has authored numerous articles regarding energy and telecommunications issues which have been published in academic and industry journals, and in 1996 she was selected as one of "Chicago's 100 Most Influential Women," citing her long tenure on the Commission and her ability to cut to the heart of public policy debate as two of the reasons she earned this sophisticated honor; and

WHEREAS, She holds a degree from DePaul University in business administration and economics, and she also attended the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and completed its Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth K. Kretschmer continues to courageously pursue the public good by serving as a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and The Chicago Network, and was selected as an honored member of Who's Who in Government Services for 1990 and also was honored in Strathmore's Who' Who, 2000-2001; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth K. Kretschmer has earned the respect of her colleagues because of her in depth knowledge of regulatory issues, her sense of responsibility, her sense of accountability, and her sense of fairness; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National

Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its February 2003 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere appreciation to the Honorable Ruth K. Kretschmer for her years of dedicated service to the Association, the citizens of Illinois and the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NARUC and its members convey best wishes for Commissioner Kretschmer in all of her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 26, 2003