

***Resolution Supporting U.S. Department of Energy Funding for Research and  
Technical Assistance On Utility Restructuring, Energy Markets, and Regulatory  
Reform***

**WHEREAS**, The nation's electric and gas industries are in the midst of fundamental transformations to greater competition, customer choice, and regulatory reform involving hundreds of billions of dollars of revenues annually; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Most of the key decisions regarding the future structure of these industries, the emerging energy markets, retail sales, and consumer and public protections must be made by public decision-makers at the state level; *and*

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) program support for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and utility restructuring research and technical assistance has greatly strengthened the ability of state utility commissions to address effectively the restructuring of the electric and gas industries, including complex challenges in such areas as reliability, taxation, rate design, market power, public benefits, and environmental and consumer protection; *and*

**WHEREAS**, These DOE programs have been conducted on a positive and cooperative basis with state utility commissions and other state agencies, and have focused assistance on those issues that are of greatest concern and greatest benefit to the states; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The Administration's FY 2000 budget request for electricity restructuring includes \$2.0 million in funding through DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for research and technical assistance to the states on these issues; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 1999 Winter Meetings held in Washington, D.C., hereby reiterates its support for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, including its electricity restructuring research and state technical assistance activities; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That the NARUC supports Federal funding for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and its electricity restructuring research and state technical activities at levels consistent with those proposed in the Administration's FY 2000 budget request; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That if the Congress is unable to provide \$2.0 million for these activities in FY 2000, a level of funding should be provided that would enable the U.S. Department of Energy to implement effectively these important programs for the benefit of the States, utilities, and utility ratepayers.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and Environment  
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