Resolution Regarding Small Drinking Water System Viability

WHEREAS, In order for a utility to provide safe and reliable service at affordable rates, it must remain viable; and

WHEREAS, The viability of many small water systems is threatened by deteriorating infrastructure, more stringent drinking water quality standards, and under-capitalization; and

WHEREAS, One means for insuring viability of small water systems is for each State public utility commission to adopt a Small Drinking Water System Viability Policy Statement; and

WHEREAS, Said Small Drinking Water System Viability Policy Statement should: define a viable water system; encourage coordination between the State public utility commission and other appropriate State agencies involved in safe drinking water programs; discourage the formation of new nonviable water systems; and encourage the restructuring of existing nonviable water systems; and

WHEREAS, An interagency Memorandum of Understanding is the most effective tool to facilitate coordination between the State public utility agencies and other State agencies involved in safe drinking water programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 1994 Summer Meetings in San Diego, California, endorses the adoption of a Small Drinking Water System Viability Policy Statement by State public utility commissions; and

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Executive Committee strongly encourages formalizing an interagency Memorandum of Understanding between the State public utility agencies and other State agencies involved in safe drinking water programs.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water
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