

Resolution Supporting NARUC to Host the World Forum on Energy Regulation in 2006

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) has actively promoted the exchange of utility regulatory information and best practices both domestically and internationally; *and*

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of NARUC recognized the importance of international regulatory cooperation, information exchange, and assistance as mechanisms to share professional expertise to enhance the efficiency and integrity of global energy, water, and telecommunications regulatory principles and practices through adoption of a resolution in March 2000; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC served as a co-sponsor for the World Forum on Energy Regulation, hosted by the Quebec Regie De L'Energie and co-sponsored by the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals in May 2000 in Montreal, Canada, and as a promoter of the second World Forum on Energy Regulation, hosted by the Italian Authority for Electricity and Gas in October 2003 in Rome, Italy; *and*

WHEREAS, The Italian Authority for Electricity and Gas and the Council of European Energy Regulators have expressly asked the leadership of NARUC to consider hosting and organizing the 2006 World Forum on Energy Regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC has two agreements with the U.S. Agency for International Development and one agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy to encourage transparent market-based regulation and support emerging utility regulators and associations of regulators in transitioning and developing countries in Central Europe, Eurasia, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America through meetings, conferences, technical workshops, training programs, and bilateral partnerships; *and*

WHEREAS, Representatives of the World Bank have offered encouragement to NARUC to host this event in the US; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its March 2004 Winter Meetings in Washington, DC, that NARUC will host the World Forum on Energy Regulation in 2006, bringing together energy regulators and key stakeholders from around the world to explore current energy and regulatory practices and issues; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on International Relations, supported by State Commissions and Association staff, develop a plan to manage the World Forum for the Board of Director's consideration at its 2004 Summer Meeting.

*Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors March 10, 2004*