Resolution Honoring Peter Pescosolido (CT)

Whereas despite what some think, Peter was not present at the time of the creation of the original stone tablets;

Whereas Peter joined State of Connecticut service in the early 1980s as what was known then as a Connecticut Career Trainee, working his way up to be the “go-to employee for commissioners who were learning (or never properly learned) telecommunications,” as one Commissioner put it;

Whereas Peter continued expanding his breadth of knowledge into the areas of electricity, natural gas, and water regulation right up to his retirement, always being willing to take on whatever challenge was required without ever losing his quiet calm manner;

Whereas Peter always performed his role with dignity, without bias or agenda and in a manner that never gave any indication as to his personal position;

Whereas Peter earned the respect of parties on all sides of an issue;

Whereas subsequent to Peter’s retirement announcement from his position as Chief of Utility Regulation at the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority the agency began negotiations to extend his final departure from the agency;

Whereas Peter was Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications and provided valuable mentoring to subsequent staff chairs of that committee;

Whereas Peter Pescosolido is best known as “Peter P” due to the many attempts by Commissioners, staff and industry to say his last name only to heinously butcher its pronunciation time and again;

Whereas Peter’s future is clearly in the travel industry, based on his expertise in making arrangements for friends to visit his roots in Italy;

Whereas this particular clause has nothing to do with Peter, but instead wishes to make known the appreciation of Peter’s friends for his wife, Mary Anne, a woman with an exceptional sense of humor and the real reason we hung out with Peter;

Whereas Peter and Mary Anne, in between trips to Italy and Lincoln, Nebraska, will now actually be able to spend time at their beach house instead of just hoping to spend time there;

Whereas upon ordering his one millionth Cobb salad, it was proposed to rename the Cobb salad the “Pescosolido,” but the proposal was rejected because restaurants feared no one would ever order it for fear of having to try to pronounce its name, and calling it the “P” salad just sounded bad;

Whereas Peter has spent many a NARUC evening with friends ordering “cabs” without ever having a single taxi arrive;
Whereas Peter was so unflappable that he could calmly sit alongside Dan Shields at most staff subcommittee meetings, the two wearing the exact same outfit, until Dan got frustrated, leaving the meeting to go up to his room to change; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends its appreciation to Peter P for his many years of public service to the State of Connecticut and to NARUC and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

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