Final Honorary Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Directors at the NARUC Summer 2017 Policy Summit (July 19, 2017)

Resolution Honoring The Honorable Colette Honorable

Whereas Commissioner Colette Honorable began her career in the energy sector in 2007 when then-Governor Mike Beebe appointed her to the Arkansas Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable distinguished herself in this sector by serving as Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission during a tumultuous period that included an economic recession and significant transition for the utility industries;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable quickly became active on National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) committees, supporting NARUC’s work by serving as a Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on Gas, as member of the Committee on Consumer Affairs, Committee on Investment, and Subcommittee on Utility Marketplace Access, on the Smart Grid Collaborative, as the Chair of the Task Force on Pipeline Safety, and as the Chair of the Anybody Can Serve, So Let’s Conserve program;

Whereas as Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on Gas, Chair of the Task Force on Pipeline Safety, and member of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration’s Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, Commissioner Honorable demonstrated her dedication to safety by working on behalf of consumers across the nation to improve standards and safe access to natural gas;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable's influence in regulation was expanded by the fact that she was active in both the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) and Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) regional conferences, but understandably, only MARC won her heart, and her service as its President;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable began her ascension within NARUC's leadership when she accepted the appointment as NARUC’s Treasurer in 2010, a post she managed for two years;

Whereas after working her way up the leadership ladder, Commissioner Honorable ascended the peak of NARUC when she was elected President of NARUC in November 2013;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable's term as NARUC President was significant in its timing, marking the 125th year of NARUC, and by her focus on safety, reliability, resilience, and diversity;

Whereas President Barack Obama nominated Commissioner Honorable to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) in August 2014 and she was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December 2014 for a term that expired in June 2017;

Whereas even while a commissioner at FERC, Commissioner Honorable continued to be an active participant and resource at the NARUC meetings, lending her support and expertise on the issues on which she had worked tirelessly as a State Commissioner and a leader in the energy sector;
Whereas Commissioner Honorable’s passion for energy policy extends beyond State and national borders, demonstrated, for example, by her experience as an Ambassador for the Clean Energy Education and Empowerment Initiative, an effort co-led by the U.S. Department of Energy and the MIT Energy Initiative, formed under the auspices of the International Clean Energy Ministerial;

Whereas while serving as a Commissioner in Arkansas, as well as at the FERC, Commissioner Honorable was a strong supporter of NARUC’s relationships with our international counterparts and partners in energy regulation and she participated actively in meetings and conferences across the globe;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable has demonstrated that no task is too big for her as she once, as Treasurer, stepped in to change a tire for the association’s Chief Financial Officer despite being impeccably and fashionably attired as usual;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable always has a kind word and an easy smile for her colleagues and staff, putting anyone in conversation with her immediately at ease;

Whereas Commissioner Honorable has a fierce intellect and full command of the subjects she debates; nevertheless, she transforms any disagreement into pleasant conversation and she raises the civility of the discourse while not conceding her points; and

Whereas Commissioner Honorable was gifted with a beautiful voice, which she generously shares with her colleagues, friends, and community; 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, extends to the Honorable Colette Honorable its utmost appreciation and respect for her years of service to NARUC, the State of Arkansas, and the nation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Board of Directors wishes Commissioner Honorable and her family success and happiness in their future.

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Sponsored by the Executive Committee
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Kentucky Commissioner Daniel E. Logsdon, Jr.

Whereas Daniel Logsdon on June 8, 2017, completed his service as Commissioner of the Kentucky Public Service Commission and thereby became an emeritus member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (“NARUC”);

Whereas Daniel Logsdon’s tenure as commissioner of the Kentucky Public Service Commission included service as vice chairman and a period during which he was both the sole commissioner and the acting executive director;

Whereas Daniel Logsdon’s service to NARUC included membership on the Committee on Electricity, the Subcommittee on Education and Research, and the Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management;

Whereas Daniel Logsdon’s extensive experience in government and politics made him an invaluable member of NARUC’s Washington Action Committee;

Whereas Daniel Logsdon also served the regulatory community as vice president of the board of directors of the Organization of PJM States, a member of the bylaws committee of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and Kentucky’s representative on the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri;

Whereas during his time in NARUC, Daniel Logsdon earned the respect of his peers not only through his ability to grasp complex issues, but also by his insightful analysis of the consequences of various courses of action;

Whereas Daniel Logsdon provided a calm, steadying presence on the Kentucky Public Service Commission during a time of transition, thereby gaining the respect and affection of the Commission’s staff; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends its gratitude to Commissioner Logsdon for his service to NARUC and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Electricity on July 18, 2017

Adopted by the Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Don M. Bailey of North Carolina

Whereas Don M. Bailey was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to the North Carolina Utilities Commission in 2013, and served through June of 2017;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University and remains a loyal Wolfpack fan;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey is a Professional Engineer licensed in North Carolina;

Whereas prior to joining the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Commissioner Bailey held various leadership positions for ATI Allvac, where he retired after a 31-year career with this heavy industrial manufacturer of nickel-based super-alloys and titanium alloys;

Whereas prior to joining the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Commissioner Bailey served on the board of directors for the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc.;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), serving on the Electricity Committee, the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and the Critical Infrastructure Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey was an active participant in the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey never liked to miss a Monday for fried shrimp at the Captains;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey could always find two or three more questions to prolong a hearing;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey’s lamenting of the state of NC State athletics will be missed;

Whereas Commissioner Bailey was a regular participant in the Electricity Committee’s monthly calls, and eventually learned to put his phone on mute so that he could hear the speaker without everyone knowing that he was ordering a cheeseburger for lunch, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends to Don M. Bailey of North Carolina its sincere thanks and appreciation for his service to NARUC and the State of North Carolina and wishes Don Bailey the best of luck and continued success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring James Volz of Vermont

Whereas Jim Volz earned his Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center, then known as “Franks,” but now known as the University of New Hampshire School of Law;

Whereas Jim moved to Vermont to become a clerk to Justice Franklin Billing on the Vermont Supreme Court, which was Vermont’s good fortune;

Whereas Jim went on to work very successfully as both a Deputy State’s Attorney in Vermont and later in private practice;

Whereas Jim went on to work as a special counsel for the Vermont Department of Public Service in 1985 and then became the Director for Public Advocacy at the Department, where he served honorably and with vigor, directing the legal strategy of the Department and representing the people of Vermont before the Public Service Board, federal agencies, and federal courts;

Whereas Governor James Douglas, a Republican, appointed Jim Volz to serve as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board as of March 1, 2005;

Whereas Governor Peter Shumlin, a Democrat, reappointed Jim Volz to serve as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board starting as of March 1, 2011, proving that Jim is both a person of incredible integrity and that regulation is not a partisan activity;

Whereas Jim Volz fully engaged with the issues in each regulated industry and thoughtfully evaluated the issues before the Board, including rate cases, transmission lines, pipelines, mergers, and rulemaking dockets;

Whereas Jim was seen by all as nonpartisan and scrupulously fair, with an incisive mind, even temperament, and gracious disposition;

Whereas Jim is admired for his integrity, depth of knowledge, engagement, and effective leadership in regulatory issues;

Whereas Jim served on NARUC’s Committee on Electricity and the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.;

Whereas it has been a privilege and an honor to serve with Jim Volz as the Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board and as the Director for Public Advocacy at the Department of Public Service—in total more than 32 years of service to the State of Vermont;

Whereas Jim’s expertise and leadership will be difficult to replace and will be missed, but not forgotten by his colleagues in Vermont, the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners, and NARUC; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, honors Jim Volz on the completion of service as a Commissioner, commend his thoughtful and effective leadership on regulatory issues, and wishes him well in his continued achievements.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 19, 2017

Resolution Honoring Elizabeth (Libby) Jacobs of Iowa

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Libby Jacobs was appointed by Governor Terry Branstad in 2011 and served the State of Iowa until April 30, 2017. Additionally, Governor Branstad appointed Jacobs to serve as the Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board from May 1, 2011, until April 30, 2015;

Whereas during her tenure, the Iowa Utilities Board approved construction of a 650-MW natural gas combined cycle electric generating plant and the construction of over 3,760 MW of wind generation, making Iowa a leader in wind production;

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Jacobs was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) and a co-vice chair of NARUC’s Committee on Electricity. She was also a member of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal and the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation;

Whereas Iowa Utilities Board member Jacobs was actively involved in the Organization of MISO States (“OMS”) and was a member of the OMS Executive Committee. Jacobs served as President of OMS in 2015, Vice President in 2014, and Secretary in 2013. As OMS President, Jacobs championed the MISO stakeholder redesign process, which explored ways to improve MISO’s interaction with its stakeholders;

Whereas Jacobs was a member of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council and served on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool. She also served on the advisory council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University as well as the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute. Additionally, Jacobs was a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference;

Whereas prior to joining the Iowa Utilities Board, Jacobs was president of The Jacobs Group, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, board development, community outreach, and fund development. Previously, she was Director of Community Relations for the Principal Financial Group. In addition, Jacobs’s career includes professional and management-level positions in the telecommunications and non-profit industries;

Whereas during her notable career in public service, Jacobs served the State of Iowa in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1995 to 2009 and was elected by her peers to serve as Majority Whip for seven years. Jacobs also sat on the Commerce, State Government and Appropriations Committees. She served as co-chair of several interim committees, including a study committee on the Iowa Communications Network;

Whereas Jacobs has been recognized with several honors, including the 2008 West Des Moines Citizen of the Year, 2008 Drake University Outstanding Master of Public Administration Alumnus Award, 2008 Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Business Leadership Award, 2005 Iowa Grocers Association Legislative Leadership Award, and the 2001 Des Moines Business Record Woman of Influence;

Whereas Jacobs earned her BA with distinction in political science from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and a Master’s of Public Administration from Drake University;

Whereas Jacobs is known for her quick wit, intelligence, professionalism and grace, and her ability to work amiably with people of all political and ideological persuasions; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends to Elizabeth (Libby) Jacobs of Iowa its sincere
thanks and appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Iowa and that NARUC wishes Libby Jacobs the best of luck and continued success in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Jolette Westbrook of Massachusetts

Whereas Jolette Westbrook was appointed by then-Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick as a Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (“MDPU”) in April 2009 and continued to serve as a Commissioner for MDPU under Governor Charlie Baker until June 2017;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook served for many years in public service. She was the Director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lemon Law Arbitration Program in the Office of Consumer Affairs. She also served with distinction from 1991 until her Commissioner appointment to the MDPU in several capacities, including Director and General Counsel of the Energy Facilities Siting Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook was a law clerk to the Honorable Charles Grabau, Associate Justice of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1981, and thereafter spent time in private practice first as an instructor of the National Institute for Paralegal Studies and then with the law firm of Dawkins and Quarles with a focus on juvenile issues. Her dedication in the area of juvenile law was duly recognized when she became managing attorney supervising the appellate work and caseloads of attorneys and paralegal for the Southeastern Legal Assistance Corporation;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook at her very core of her entire career has always been dedicated to ensuring justice and helping those who need her most—whether it was with judicial litigants, students, consumers, children, or the ratepayers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Russell Sage College and a Juris Doctor degree from Northeastern University Law School;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook has been a long-time resident in Massachusetts, where she raised her beloved daughter. Originally she was born in Buffalo, New York, where her parents operated a news agency and where she went to school (including her undergraduate studies), was elected student government president, played in the state volleyball championship, and traveled to England;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook served the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) as Chair of the NARUC-Department of Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Partnership with dynamic leadership and integrity and as a member of NARUC’s Committee on Gas, and was also a member of the Board of Directors of NARUC;

Whereas during her tenure at NARUC she was known as someone who would work collaboratively with her fellow NARUC Commissioners and staff seeking to find common ground and opportunities for educational learning;

Whereas as a member of NARUC, she was called upon to participate in countless national conversations on important issues to provide the regulatory perspective;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook was noted for her supportive leadership and warm rapport with her NARUC colleagues;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook in her personal life was an avid tennis player and coach of youth basketball and soccer;

Whereas Jolette Westbrook was appreciated for her kindness, hard work ethic, and graciousness—no matter how complicated and contentious the issue; and
Whereas Jolette Westbrook will be missed greatly by the Committee on Gas and its Staff Subcommitte, as well as her NARUC colleagues; 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 and expresses its deepest and sincere appreciation and gratitude to Jolette Westbrook by recognizing her outstanding public service and conveys to her its best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas on July 18, 2017
Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Commissioner Lynn C. Slaby (OH)

Whereas Lynn C. Slaby (or “Judge” as he is known to many) was appointed to be a Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) in 2012 by Governor John Kasich;

Whereas during his tenure at the PUCO, Commissioner Slaby was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) and has served with distinction on NARUC’s Committee on Telecommunications;

Whereas Commissioner Slaby represented the State of Ohio on the Federal Communications Commission’s North American Numbering Council;

Whereas in his role as a State regulator, Commissioner Slaby was a diligent regulator, tirelessly attending to all matters before the PUCO, paying particular attention to matters related to the telecommunications industry;

Whereas Commissioner Slaby exhibited an exemplary level of public service as demonstrated by his faithful and diligent service to the citizens of the state of Ohio in multiple capacities, ranging from City Attorney, County Prosecutor, Court of Appeals Judge, and Ohio House Representative, all the while being happily married for 54 years to his high school sweetheart, Marilynn Slaby;

Whereas Commissioner Slaby experienced great satisfaction in being surrounded by his colleagues and friends at NARUC meetings and this led him to be a frequent and enthusiastic participant at NARUC meetings;

Whereas Commissioner Slaby ended his term at the PUC on April 10, 2017, and his colleagues and friends in the NARUC community salute him for a job well done; 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 congratulations to Lynn C. Slaby and thanks him for his leadership, his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and his years of dedicated public service to NARUC, the citizens of Ohio, and the United States, and wishes him wellness and success in his next endeavors with family and friends in Ohio and Florida.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
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.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Dr. William Johnston (CA)

Whereas Dr. William (Bill) Johnston served with distinction as a member of the Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee from 2011-2016, sharing his insights and experience as a staff member of the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) for more than twenty years and as Telecommunications advisor to Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval;

Whereas Dr. Johnston brought to his public service his academic expertise, including his doctorate awarded by the Government Department of the Claremont Graduate School where he studied political philosophy, American history, statistics, German, and Greek; his university teaching experience at Claremont College and California State University at Northridge; a year of seminary study; and his private sector experience;

Whereas Dr. Johnston played a prominent role at National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Committee Meetings, serving as a panelist, moderator, organizer, and behind the scenes researcher, briefer, and cheerleader;

Whereas Dr. Johnston diligently attended NARUC Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee and NARUC Telecommunications Committee meetings, listening to each speaker with rapt attention, and offering helpful suggestions during Staff Subcommittee discussions to ensure that resolutions captured the spirit of the author’s intention and NARUC’s commitment to safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable telecommunications service;

Whereas Dr. Johnston always said “yes” to ideas, assignments, proceedings, and trips to the most remote parts of California, and had a talent for driving on winding mountain roads while throwing metaphorical spaghetti against the windshield to see what policy ideas would stick;

Whereas Dr. Johnston worked tirelessly to increase access to communications and electrical infrastructure for Native American tribes, rural communities, and the people of other underserved areas, and traveled up, down, and across California to organize and attend meetings and encourage people to express their voices in CPUC proceedings and at NARUC meetings;

Whereas Dr. Johnston made friends wherever he went, forged by common interests in thriving communities, due process, respect for culture, inclusion, nature, and cameras;

Whereas Dr. Johnston used his camera—a serious camera, not just the one in his government-issued cell phone—to document utility pole safety violations, public participation hearings, conditions in unserved and underserved communities, and photograph the people he met and befriended along the way;

Whereas Dr. Johnston’s photographs contributed greatly to Commissioner Sandoval’s reports to CPUC Commission meetings that helped the Commissioners, staff, parties, and the public understand the status of California’s communications and electric infrastructure, and supported policies to promote safe and reliable service through sound facilities;

Whereas Dr. Johnston befriended cats, including feral cats in rural communities, making the mightiest cat purr, though he avoided bears and ensured all stayed safe from bears and other hazards near the public hearings Commissioner Sandoval convened in rural communities;

Whereas Dr. Johnston was generous to his friends, who received yearly calendars with his photographs of California vistas, and to all with whom he shared a laugh, smile, and a deep commitment to public service;
Whereas Dr. Johnston often worked late into the night, and could be found in his office with his light and computer on, chewing on the stem of his glasses while editing reports, proposals, and draft resolutions;

Whereas Dr. Johnston was instrumental in modernizing the California Lifeline program to include wireless phone and data services, making it the nation’s largest state Lifeline program;

Whereas Dr. Johnston generously supported Commissioner Sandoval’s service as the Co-Vice Chair of NARUC’s Telecommunications Committee, and State Chair and Policy Chair of the Federal Communications Commission’s Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, and helped organize many conferences and panels, conduct research, and draft filings that service entailed;

Whereas Dr. Johnston retired from the CPUC staff and the NARUC Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee on December 30, 2016, and is enjoying friends, photography, reading, cats, and monitoring telecommunications service during the rainy season after years of drought; and

Whereas all who worked with or know Dr. Johnston are lucky to be his friend and to learn from his deep knowledge and commitment to public service that includes all peoples, and we salute Dr. Johnston for a job well done; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the NARUC Board of Directors, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, extends congratulations and thanks to Dr. Bill Johnston for his years of dedicated public service to NARUC, the citizens of California and the United States, along with best wishes for a happy retirement and success in the future.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017
Resolution Honoring Kerri DeYoung Phillips

Whereas Kerri DeYoung Phillips, much to the chagrin of her colleagues, resigned from the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”), on April 21, 2017, after serving for a decade as a regulatory attorney with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable;

Whereas during her tenure at the Department, Kerri was an active and respected member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, and also a Leader of the Consumer Issues Subgroup;

Whereas Kerri was appointed to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service;

Whereas Kerri acquired particular expertise in federal universal service policy and legal requirements related to the nearly $8.5 billion Universal Service Fund and its various programs;

Whereas as a solid foundation for her career, Kerri earned her Bachelor’s Degree from the College of Charleston and a Juris Doctor from New England School of Law;

Whereas during her distinguished career at the Department, Kerri developed expertise in federal policy matters, which at times required coordination with different officials both in and out of Massachusetts;

Whereas Kerri was a valued member of the New England chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association;

Whereas Kerri could often be found on a NARUC conference call advocating for Massachusetts and helping her friends around the country; and

Whereas Kerri’s Department colleagues and NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications colleagues recognize that this resolution gives only a limited snapshot of the character, presence, and good-hearted person that is Kerri DeYoung Phillips; 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 gratitude to Kerri DeYoung Phillips for her dedicated service to NARUC and to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable and further extends its best wishes to Kerri in her work at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications on July 18, 2017
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2017