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CA-1/WA-1 Resolution Honoring Patricia L. Acampora of New York

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora was appointed by then-New York Governor George E. Pataki as a Commissioner for the New York Public Service (NYPS) in June 2005, and reappointed by then-Governor David A. Patterson, serving in total for 12 years as a Commissioner for NYPS until her retirement in mid-February 2017; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora served as a Commissioner with honor under four New York Governors – the Honorable George E. Pataki, the Honorable Eliot L. Spitzer, the Honorable David A. Patterson, and the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora was appointed as interim Chair of the NYPS, serving with distinction between December 2006 and January 2008; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora served prior to her appointment to the NYPS for 12 years in the New York State Legislature, zealously representing the interests of her constituents in the 1st Assembly District on Long Island as, among other things, the Ranking Member of the Labor Committee and as a member of the Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee; the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committee; Banking Committee; the Governmental Employees Committee; and the Assembly Health Care Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora was the first woman to serve as President of the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators since the bipartisan conference began nearly three decades ago, was a member of the Women's Legislative Caucus, and was a member of the National Legislative Task Force on Criminal Justice; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in the legislature, Patricia Acampora worked as an assistant to Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney and served as a liaison to the Suffolk County Legislature; *and*

WHEREAS, A dedicated community leader, Patricia Acampora was a former member of the Nassau-Suffolk Juvenile Diabetes Board and is an active member of the Capital Network Women's Group and many other local community organizations; Patricia Acampora continues to be a vocal community advocate for children's rights and the need to preserve the environment; she also served as a board member of the statewide Women in Communications and Energy organization; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora is a recognized leader on the national level in advocating for low-income customers and has represented the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) at Congressional committee hearings; she has been proactive in trying to assist other states in adopting automatic enrollment for eligible customers for the Lifeline program; as a Commissioner she also advocated for increased funding and improved effectiveness of programs that promote affordability of essential utility services for low-income customers, as well as, insisting on a high level of customer service by electric, gas, water, and telecom utilities for all customers; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora has been a leader in shaping the NYPSC's alternative energy technologies policy specifically related to the development of geothermal technology; in 2015, she, on behalf of the NYPSC, accepted a national award for the successful geothermal, heating, and cooling system installed in a Long Island elementary school; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora was raised and educated on Long Island; she and her beloved husband, Alan Croce, reside in Mattituck; she is the proud mother of two grown daughters, two stepdaughters, and the adored grandmother of five grandchildren; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora's devotion to a life of public service can be traced to her earliest childhood memories, lovingly learning it from her mother and sharing it with her husband, Alan; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora served NARUC as a long-standing member of NARUC's Committee on Consumer Affairs and the Committee on Water; she was also a member of the board of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), as the organization's Secretary-Treasurer, and served as its Chair of the Committee on Water; *and*

WHEREAS, As MACRUC's Chair of Water, she became one of the country's experts on small water companies regulatory policy and was called upon to participate in countless national conversations on these issues to provide the regulatory perspective; *and*

WHEREAS, During her tenure as MACRUC Treasurer, the financial reserve of the organization increased through careful monitoring and MACRUC moved to a more robust accounting system that the association's auditors praised; *and*

WHEREAS, As Commissioner, Patricia Acampora was noted for her supportive mentorship and warm rapport with her NYPSC colleagues and Staff, and NARUC members and staff, among others; her contributions and insights were invaluable; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora was appreciated for her passionate concerns for consumers, well known motto for flexibility, and her infectious humor and graciousness no matter how complicated and contentious the issue; moreover, Patricia Acampora's clear dedication to public service her entire career was invaluable not only to her fellow New Yorkers, but to the entire national community of energy regulators; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora embodies what NARUC should be: professional; thoughtful; mentoring; team player; flexible; dedicated; and honorable; *and*

WHEREAS, Patricia Acampora will be greatly missed by the Committee on Consumer Affairs, Committee on Water, and her NARUC and MACRUC colleagues who are honored to call her a true forever friend; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends and expresses its deepest and sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Patricia Acampora for her

outstanding years of public service in advancing the public good and wishes her continued good fortune, happiness, and health in all her future endeavors professionally and personally.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Consumer Affairs and Water
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017*

EL-1 Honorary Resolution for Commissioner David Noble of Nevada

WHEREAS, David Noble started his public service career in April 1997 as an Administrative Attorney to a Commissioner until 1999, whereupon he was promoted to Assistant General Counsel until 2003, whereupon he became Assistant Staff Counsel until 2007, when he moved back to Assistant General Counsel and was appointed as Utilities Hearing Officer until 2011, whereupon he was appointed Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada on August 15, 2011, and reappointed on October 2, 2012; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble has served his State and his region with tremendous professionalism, including service to the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, wherein he served as President from October 2015 to September 2016; First Vice President from October 2014 to September 2015; and Secretary/Treasurer from October 2013 to September 2014; *and*

WHEREAS, He takes challenges in stride, such as cross country skiing into work more than 20 miles (and arriving on time!) when the mountain roads were unsafe for driving; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble has been an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, joining the Committees on Electricity and on Energy Resources and the Environment (ERE) Committee and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal; *and*

WHEREAS, One could always count on him to join an office potluck, as Commissioner Noble never misses a meal; he also often used his lunch hour to break bread with both Commission Policy and Commission Staff members; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble's honesty, openness, kindness, acceptance, and sincerity made him a mentor to many, whether he knew it or not; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to being a good mentor, he is also a superb travel guide; there never seems to be a vacation spot he hasn't explored and he is always willing to share his guide books, experiences, and recommendations that only a local would know; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble's commitment to fact-based public policy and to doing the right thing made him an honorable public servant; he was never afraid to voice his opinion, even in the face of adversity; *and*

WHEREAS, On a golf outing, Commissioner Noble, when dared, successfully executed a "Happy Gilmore" style drive; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble commanded proper attire at all times, even forgoing casual Fridays; his desire to always be impeccably dressed carried into his love of Halloween, which was the only day of the year he did not wear a dress shirt and tie into work (but he may or may not have worn a dress); *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble is so confident and so revered that it's reassuring to know that he is, in fact, fallible, which is only evidenced by the rosy pink shade his face turns when he is embarrassed; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble never forgot his years working as a Commission Staff member, which provided him with an invaluable technical understanding of the utility industry that fostered his ability to be a fair and balanced Commissioner; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Noble does not believe in wasting time and ran his hearing room with the utmost efficiency, all the while commanding respect not just for those on the dais, but also among the parties no matter how contentious the proceeding; *and*

WHEREAS, His knowledge, experience, congeniality, and wisdom is greatly missed; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends to the Honorable David Noble its utmost gratitude and appreciation for his years of public service and his numerous contributions to effective, fact-based regulation in the State of Nevada; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors and the NARUC Electricity Committee wish David Noble, his wife Jen, and their children, Rebecca and Kira, success and happiness in their future together.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017

EL-2 Resolution Honoring Beverly Jones Heydinger of Minnesota

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beverly Jones Heydinger ably and enthusiastically served as Chair of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission from July 2, 2012, through January 22, 2017; *and*

WHEREAS, Beverly has been active in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the Committee on Electricity, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and the Washington Action Committee, and she has been a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference; *and*

WHEREAS, from 1999 through July 2012, Beverly was an Administrative Law Judge, conducting mediations, rulemaking dockets, and contested case proceedings for a number of Minnesota agencies, including the Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, from 1978 to 1999, Beverly served in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, including serving as Deputy Attorney General of the Public and Human Resources Sections, supervising several divisions, and serving on the Executive Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Beverly was also active in her community during her tenure on the Commission, including serving as Chair of the Executive Council of the Administrative Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of St. Paul, and volunteering with Minnesota Women Lawyers and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; she also served on the Minnesota Supreme Court's committee that oversees grants for legal assistance to low-income Minnesotans; *and*

WHEREAS, Beverly willingly served as a mentor for many commissioners and staff over her years on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, She always had an ample supply of chocolate in her office, giving all seeking her advice an excuse to stop in and talk; *and*

WHEREAS, Beverly came west from New England to get her undergraduate degree from Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and whole heartedly embraced Minnesota as her own with her husband, Rick, and their two adult children; she demonstrated her commitment to Minnesota by always cheering for the Minnesota Twins (except when the Boston Red Sox came to town); *and*

WHEREAS, Beverly has devoted her working life to public service; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., commends Beverly Jones Heydinger on her service to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and all of her many contributions to public service to the people of Minnesota.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017*

EL-3 Resolution Honoring Ann McCabe of Illinois

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Williams College where she was co-captain of women's rugby club, and earned a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Chicago, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe is an energy, environmental, and regulation specialist who served as a board member on the Illinois Environmental Council and is a past president of Chicago Women in Government Relations, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe worked as a successful policy analyst, regulatory analyst, and advocate for a wide variety of firms, including Amoco, BP, and the Delta Institute, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe began working for the Illinois Commerce Commission early in her career by advising commissioners on rate case issues, including the addition of three nuclear electric generation plants in Illinois, *and*

WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn appointed Ann McCabe to serve as Commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission in March 2012, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe fully engaged with the issues in each regulated industry and thoughtfully evaluated the issues before the Commission, including grid modernization, rate cases, transmission lines, pipelines, mergers, and rulemaking dockets, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe helped the Commission implement formula rate cases for electric utilities, a new regulatory review process for large electric utilities to facilitate investment and recovery of smart electric infrastructure, *and*

WHEREAS, As president of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI) board, Ann McCabe helped forge agreement on multi-driver transmission projects and led successful spring and annual meetings, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe served on National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Electricity, Critical Infrastructure, and Energy Resources and the Environment Committees and the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition, *and*

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the NARUC Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal Subcommittee, Ann McCabe presented at the 2016 Department of Energy (DOE) Summit on Existing Nuclear in Washington, D.C., the first DOE meeting on consent-based siting of nuclear waste, and the Nuclear Energy Institute Used Fuel Conference, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe became president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) in 2016 and has been planning the MARC 2017 Annual Meeting in Chicago, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe is admired for her integrity, depth of knowledge, engagement, and effective leadership in regulatory issues, *and*

WHEREAS, It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with Ann McCabe as a Commissioner who has made significant contributions to the Illinois Commerce Commission and at NARUC, *and*

WHEREAS, Ann McCabe's expertise and leadership will be difficult to replace and will be missed, but not forgotten by her colleagues in Illinois, MARC, and NARUC, *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., honors Ann McCabe on the completion of service as a Commissioner, commends her thoughtful and effective leadership on regulatory issues, and wishes her well in her continued achievements.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017

EL-4 Resolution Honoring Audrey Zibelman of New York

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman was confirmed as a Commissioner for the New York State Public Service Commission (NYPSC) in June 2013, and was named its Chair by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on September 3, 2013, serving with honor and distinction overseeing the regulation and safety of New York’s electricity, gas, telephone, cable, water, and steam utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman will be leaving the NYPSC in March 2017 to serve in the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), effective March 20, 2017; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman served with distinction for more than 25 years in various senior-level leadership positions in the electric utility and energy arena in private, public and not for profit organizations; she was a founder and past president and Chief Executive Officer of Viridity Energy, Inc. (Viridity); prior to Viridity, she was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of PJM, a regional transmission organization that operates the power grid and wholesale power market serving 14 states throughout the eastern United States; Audrey Zibelman also held senior-level legal and executive positions at Xcel Energy, served as distinguished general counsel to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and served as special assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and as a member of NARUC’s Committee on Electricity; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman sits as the Chair of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment; she also sits on several other boards, including, but not limited to, the State Energy Planning Board; the board of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); the board of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc. (RGGI); the Audit Committee of RGGI; the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission; the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Task Force; and the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC); she is also a member of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Electricity Advisory Committee and a member of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory’s Future Electric Utility Regulation Advisory Group; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman is most recognized internationally as a leader in creating greater value for consumers through the Transactive Grid; during her tenure at the NYPSC, she was instrumental in her role as Chair with New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s enactment of the ‘Reforming the Energy Vision’ (REV) plan; the REV plan has been recognized for its vision in seeking to transform the electric grid by successfully developing and implementing 21st century regulatory reform with a steadfast focus on lowering the cost of energy for consumers while building a more resilient and reliable power system; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman’s focus on improving the electric grid for the benefit of a community can be traced to her two years in the Peace Corps in the late 1970s, where she worked in a village in Chad that had no electricity; Audrey saw first-hand how the lack of power exacerbated poverty and was thereafter dedicated to helping be a part of positively transforming the energy world; *and*

WHEREAS, A signature cornerstone of the REV plan under Audrey’s tenure has been centered on how to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to improve New York’s energy grid and find creative and innovative solutions; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman has been recognized by her peers as a national and international expert in energy policy, markets and Smart Grid innovation; she was the recipient of several prestigious awards, including being named the winner of the 2016 Dive Awards: Policymaker of the Year by *Utility Dive* and listed in the top 20 list of lions and luminaries who led the changes in utilities, in *Public Utilities Fortnightly Magazine* June 2016; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman was known for dedicating her time, energy and expertise to help promote REV discussions throughout the United States and internationally; her contributions and visionary insights helped propel other similar REV actions outside New York; and as one of the architects of REV, Audrey Zibelman was called upon to participate in countless national conversations on these issues to provide the regulatory perspective; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman’s clear dedication to the energy of the future beyond the borders of the United State was invaluable to the international community of energy regulators as can be seen in her new role with AEMO; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman received her Bachelor of Arts from Pennsylvania State University and her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman and her husband, Phillip Harris, are the proud parents of four children and devoted grandparents to 10 grandchildren; *and*

WHEREAS, Audrey Zibelman will be greatly missed by the Committee on Electricity, and her NARUC and Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners colleagues who are honored to have served with her as she zealously advanced her vision for the energy of the future with passion and hard work; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends and expresses its deepest and sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Audrey Zibelman for her dedicated years of public service in advancing her vision for the energy of the future, and conveys to her its best wishes in all of her future endeavors both professionally and personally.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017

EL-5 Resolution Honoring Dr. Brian P. Kalk of North Dakota

WHEREAS, Brian P. Kalk enlisted in the Marines and served as an enlisted man around the world as a communication non-commissioned officer, including deployments to both Desert Shield and Desert Storm; *and*

WHEREAS, While in the Marine Corps, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from Campbell University, N.C.; *and*

WHEREAS, Brian P. Kalk was selected for Officers Candidate School and commissioned in Quantico, VA; as a Logistics Officer, he participated in numerous operations and exercises at home and abroad, including the evacuations of the American embassies in Liberia and the Central African Republic; *and*

WHEREAS, Major Kalk was selected for the Marine Corps Advanced Degree Program, returned to North Dakota and earned his master's degree in environmental engineering from North Dakota State University and then was assigned to the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton as the Base Environmental Compliance Officer; *and*

WHEREAS, Major Kalk was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, then returned home to North Dakota and assumed command of the Fargo Military Entrance Processing Station until his retirement from the military; he earned his doctorate in natural resource management during that time; *and*

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the Marines, he was hired by North Dakota State University, teaching a variety of courses in political science, transportation and logistics, and natural resource management; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kalk was elected to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) in 2008 and re-elected to a second term in 2014; *and*

WHEREAS, He served on the North Dakota PSC during a critical time, as the State faced a dynamic and changing environment due to an increase in oil and other energy developments; *and*

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Commissioner he worked to maintain North Dakota's position as having some of the lowest rates and most reliable services from regulated utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Commissioner, he served as President of the Mid-America Regulatory Commissioners, Chair of the Clean Coal Subcommittee and a member of the Committee on Electricity for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); *and*

WHEREAS, He knows, firsthand, that energy independence is an absolute necessity and believes consumers and producers alike should benefit from our nation's abundant natural resources, *and*

WHEREAS, Brian is admired for his passion, energy and dedication to public service as an outstanding Commissioner who exemplified the best in servant leadership; *and*

WHEREAS, It has been an honor to have him as a colleague, who through his service has made significant contributions to both the State of North Dakota and NARUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Brian will be missed, but not forgotten by his colleagues from North Dakota and NARUC; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., honors Brian P. Kalk on the completion of this phase of his public service, commends his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes him well in his next endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017

ERE-1 Resolution Honoring Joshua B. Epel of Colorado

WHEREAS, Joshua B. Epel was appointed Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in April 2011, and reappointed in December 2014 by Governor John Hickenlooper; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel served the citizens of Colorado with distinction until his resignation from the PUC on January 1, 2017, so he could pursue other professional and personal interests; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and served on its Board of Directors; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel served as Chair of NARUC’s Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation (TFERG) during the development and debate over the Obama Administration’s “Clean Power Plan,” one of the more complex and contentious regulations spanning environmental and economic regulation of electricity generation; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel’s leadership on TFERG distinguished him among his peers for both his grasp of the complexity of the proposed regulations, and also for his ability to participate peacefully in the combative, uh, no, meant to say, collaborative “3N” meetings; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel served on NARUC’s Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel served as a co-chair of the SEE Action Committee on Industrial Energy Efficiency and Combined Heat and Power Working Group and is co-author of the report, “Guide to the Successful Implementation of State Combined Heat and Power Policies”; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment to the CO PUC, Chairman Epel was Assistant General Counsel at DCP Midstream, where he oversaw all environmental, public health, and safety matters for the company; he was also responsible for multiple areas of operations and helped to develop the company’s climate change strategy; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel’s environmental work led him to be appointed to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGCC), where he served as Chair; at OGCC, he was instrumental in streamlining business and regulatory processes to strike a balance among business, regulation, and the environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to DCP Midstream, Chairman Epel was at Gablehouse and Epel, where he worked on environmental matters and focused primarily on the Federal and State Clean Air Act; he represented a broad spectrum of interests and his manufacturing clients included the cement, titanium, oil and gas, refining, utility and printing and publishing industries; he served as the acting Special Attorney General to the Colorado Department of Transportation and as the environmental counsel for several Colorado municipalities; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel has represented the State of Colorado as a member of the Regional Air Quality Council and the Grand Canyon visibility Transport Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Epel graduated from William James College and attended the University of Michigan and McGill University, and he has a law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., honors Chairman Joshua B. Epel on the completion of the regulatory phase of his public service, commends his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes him well in his next endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2017*

TC-1 Honorary Resolution for Philip B. Jones (WA)

WHEREAS, Commissioner Philip B. Jones served as a Commissioner of the state of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission from 2005 to 2017; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has completed two six-year terms and at Governor Inslee's request, a term extension as a Commissioner of the Great State of Washington; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones grew up in eastern Washington, was quarterback of the Shadle Park High School football team in Spokane, Washington, graduated from Harvard University with honors, and now lives in Seattle, Washington; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones is married to Laurie Macfadden Jones and father of daughters Genevieve and Emmaline, of whom he is justifiably proud; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones possesses an intellectual drive joined with an athlete's energy; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has served in a variety of regional and national leadership positions, including President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors, the Board of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), the Committee on Telecommunications, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, the Committee on International Relations, the Washington Action Committee, the Western Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Federal Communications Commission, the North American Numbering Council, the Task Force on Federalism, the Task Force on Public Safety Architecture, and the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has traveled nationally and internationally at the behest of numerous national and international organizations and has been a tireless presenter at conferences promoting collaboration, education, opportunities, and innovation in utility regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones is patient, persistent, kind, and always brings a view to build consensus and he strives to see the best in people and their intentions, *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC takes note of the fact Commissioner Jones never sleeps, for he reads every word written or spoken on every utility concern before every State, federal, and international body, *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones remembers the name of each person he has met or plans to meet, and their partners, children, and coworkers; and further knows their subject-matter expertise, publications, and issue positions; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has been involved in subjects including, but not limited to telecommunications, cybersecurity, technology, universal service, broadband, utility legislation,

critical infrastructure, Next Generation 911, renewable energy, energy conservation, transportation, and rail safety; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has been a leader during a period of enormous change in the telecommunications, energy, and transportation industries, driven by technology and a guide in the resultant changes in utility regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones has written, rewritten, sponsored, commented on, and tabled a countless number of NARUC resolutions during his tenure and encouraged State commission staff and Commissioners to go forth in the same productive vein; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones served with enormous dedication, has been an invaluable mentor for Commissioners and staff members over his years of public service and his achievements are too numerous to itemize and will remain part of a distinguished and permanent history at NARUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jones's vast experience, productivity, and accomplishments distinguished him as a Commissioner and servant on behalf of the public interest; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its thanks, sincere appreciation, and gratitude to Commissioner Philip B. Jones for his many years of public service to the State of Washington and to NARUC and wishes him great success in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 15, 2017

TC-2 Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval (CA)

WHEREAS, Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to be a Commissioner at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on January 25, 2011, and served with distinction in her six years as Commissioner, bringing further luster to her achievements as the first Latina Rhodes Scholar, Yale University graduate, and holder of a Judicial Doctorate from Stanford University; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in many capacities, including serving with distinction on NARUC's Committee on Telecommunications, bringing her legal acumen to every issue; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval has played a prominent role at NARUC Committee Meetings, serving as a panelist and moderator on many occasions, always with vivid intelligence and unflappable energy; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval was *always, always* working, to the frequent astonishment of Team Sandoval, having them join her, as she put it, in throwing spaghetti against the wall or windshield or whatever surface was handy, intellectually speaking, to see what would stick; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval has been an articulate supporter of improving electrical and communications infrastructure in Native American communities and other underserved areas, traveling up, down, and across California to hear from those communities and have them represented at CPUC proceedings and NARUC meetings; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval modernized the California Lifeline program, making it the largest such program in the country, and led innovation in the approach of utilities to interconnection, grid capacity, renewable generation, and storage facilities, including robust data gathering to optimize grid management; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval, always the consummate safety advocate, raised use of her cell phone camera to unprecedented levels in reporting utility pole safety violations, thus helping to avoid outages and fire hazards, and incidentally delight audiences at Commission meetings; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval has served as an expert on telecommunications policy 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*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sandoval's term as a CPUC Commissioner ended on December 31, 2016, and she continues her public service as Associate Professor of Law at Santa Clara Law at the University of Santa Clara, in the heart of Silicon Valley, and her colleagues, the lucky

members of Team Sandoval at the CPUC, and friends in the NARUC community salute her for a job well done; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors, convened at its 2017 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends congratulations and thanks to Cathy Sandoval for her years of dedicated public service to NARUC, the citizens of California and the United States, along with encouragement and best wishes for success in the future; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Telecommunications expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Sandoval for her leadership and her many contributions to effective and public-spirited regulation in her State and the nation, and wishes her well in her next endeavors with her lucky students, fellow citizens, and family, and friends in California and wherever she is known.

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Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 15, 2017