

ERE-2 Resolution Honoring Washington Commissioner Pat Oshie

WHEREAS, Commissioner Patrick J. Oshie was appointed to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission by Governor Gary Locke in 2001 and unanimously confirmed by the Washington State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Oshie was reappointed by Governor Christine Gregoire in 2006, and again unanimously confirmed by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Oshie, having earned his law degree from the University of Washington in 1980, had an impressive legal career including practicing environmental and Indian law as a partner in a private law firm; serving as an assistant city attorney for the city of Seattle; serving as an Assistant Attorney General in the Utah Attorney General's Office; and serving as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Utah's College of Law; and

WHEREAS, As a member of NARUC, Commissioner Oshie served in many leadership positions including serving as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Energy Resources and the Environment Committee; as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors; as a member of the Consumer Affairs Committee; as a member of the Utility Marketplace Access Subcommittee; and as a member of the NARUC-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Demand Response Collaborative, which is a vehicle for State and federal regulators to discuss issues and make recommendations for State and federal policies to support demand response; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Oshie is a recognized leader in the energy sector, earning a national reputation that caused him to be a highly sought after expert, having served as Co-Chair of the State Energy Efficiency Action Network, Measurement, Verification Work Group; on the Advisory Council to the Electric Power Research Institute's Board of Directors; on the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Council; on the National Council on Electricity Policy; on the Advisory committee for the Institute of Electric Efficiency; and on the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Leadership Group; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Oshie served as an informal mentor to new commissioners, encouraging their learning and facilitating their active involvement and participation on the Energy Resources and the Environment Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his in-depth knowledge of energy and other utility matters, Commissioner Oshie always had good tips for restaurants, knowledge of coffee baristas, strategies for buying and selling goods on E-Bay, and a seemingly infinite knowledge of other, mostly useless, information; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Oshie played a mean rhythm guitar in the Washington Commission's house rock-and-roll band; and

WHEREAS, NARUC misses Commissioner Oshie's dedication, generosity, energy, intellect, and leadership in the NARUC ranks (not to mention his good humor); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2013 Summer Meetings in Denver, Colorado, extend their

gratitude to Commissioner Patrick J. Oshie for his service to NARUC and the citizens of the United States, and offer their best wishes to him in his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy, Resources and the Environment
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