

Resolution Regarding Permanent Placement of Utility Marketplace Access Chair on the National Utilities Diversity Council Board

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Subcommittee on Utility Marketplace Access (UMA) is responsible for furthering awareness and education regarding opportunities for diverse suppliers to participate in utilities' procurement programs, and encourages utilities to review and amend, as applicable, their procurement strategies to ensure that diverse suppliers are included; *and*

WHEREAS, UMA's historical maturation from the Department of Energy to NARUC has involved various regulators, regulatory staff, non-profit organizations, and elected officials, including some of the original founding members of the National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC), a non-profit organization comprised of corporate leaders, regulators and regulatory staff, suppliers, and non-profit professionals who conduct research and share best practices to encourage diversity in utilities, telecommunications, and cable industries; *and*

WHEREAS, NUDC has been a strategic partner of UMA and has taken a pivotal role in the establishment and maintenance of the Supplier Diversity Toolkit, an online resource for utility and telecommunications regulators, suppliers, and companies that provides data and information on supplier diversity in the utility marketplace; *and*

WHEREAS, UMA and NUDC seek to continue this partnership for the benefit of both entities and in support of the larger utility marketplace; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2016 Summer Meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, in recognition of the value of the partnership it has enjoyed with the National Utilities Diversity Council, supports the permanent placement of the chairperson of the Subcommittee on Utilities Marketplace Access on the National Utilities Diversity Council Board.

*Sponsored by the Utility Marketplace Access Subcommittee
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