

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner W. Kevin Hughes (Maryland)

Whereas W. Kevin Hughes was appointed by then-Governor Martin O'Malley as a Commissioner for the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) in August 2011 and serving with honor and distinction, including his elevation in January 2013 to Chairman of the Maryland PSC until June 2018, when his current term ended and he decided to step down and pursue other opportunities;

Whereas immediately prior to serving on the Maryland PSC, Kevin had served as a deputy legislative officer to then-Governor O'Malley;

Whereas in fact, Kevin served with integrity and honor for three governors before O'Malley. In his legislative roles he gained expertise in energy policy, transportation, K-12 and higher education, and state and local taxation;

Whereas Kevin graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1994, earned a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 1985, and obtained a B.A. degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park;

Whereas he is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia;

Whereas during his tenure at the Maryland PSC, Commissioner Emeritus Hughes was an active and engaged member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC);

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Hughes served on the NARUC Committee of Electricity and as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas in his role as a regulator, Commissioner Emeritus Hughes demonstrated a true interest in protecting the interests of ratepayers while also balancing the needs of utilities and ensuring that his fellow Marylanders have access to clean, affordable energy;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Hughes was focused on his time at NARUC in being actively engaged in dialogue with fellow NARUC members on coordination issues among states, regions, and the federal government that affect energy policy;

Whereas his passion and dedication on energy coordination issues led him to serve on the Executive Board of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and be engaged in pertinent issues in the energy industry;

Whereas because of his leadership traits and thoughtful approach, he is widely recognized for his patience, active listening skills, and civility;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Hughes was noted for his respectful professionalism and amazing knowledge in nearly every aspect of the energy policy sector;

Whereas W. Kevin Hughes has successfully completed and retired from 30 years of continuous service to the Maryland State Government and the citizens of Maryland;

Whereas W. Kevin Hughes resides in North Potomac, Maryland, with his loving family; *and*

Whereas W. Kevin Hughes is greatly missed by the members of the Committee on Electricity, fellow NARUC Board of Directors, and all his NARUC colleagues who are honored to know him and have had the opportunity to interact with him; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2018 Summer Policy Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona, extends and expresses its deepest and sincerest appreciation and gratitude to W. Kevin Hughes for his outstanding years of exemplary public service in advancing the public good and wishes him continued happiness, success, and health in all his future endeavors professionally and personally.

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