

Resolution Honoring Michael T. Richard

Whereas Commissioner Michael T. Richard was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to the Maryland Public Service Commission in January 2016 and reappointed in 2020;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Richard served as an active member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Committee on Critical Infrastructure for NARUC;

Whereas Commissioner Richard is a past President of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. and served as its Treasurer and as Vice-Chair of the Independent State Agencies Committee and Chair of the Governance Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Richard was appointed by Governor Hogan as the Maryland Public Service Commission's representative on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, where he served as Vice-Chairman;

Whereas Commissioner Richard served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Hogan, advising on a portfolio of issues and helping to manage cabinet agencies, including Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Lottery and Gaming, Natural Resources and Transportation;

Whereas Commissioner Richard served as Director of the Maryland Energy Administration and in Governor Robert Ehrlich's administration as Deputy Secretary of Appointments;

Whereas Commissioner Richard was appointed by President George W. Bush to posts at the U.S. Department of Energy, serving as Executive Director of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and later as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs where his issues included nuclear energy, radioactive waste management, and legacy environmental remediation;

Whereas Commissioner Richard worked for more than a decade in the private sector, including leadership roles as Director of Government and International Affairs at Westinghouse Electric Company and Legislative Programs Director and Congressional Information Program Director at the Nuclear Energy Institute; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Richard earned his B.A. from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland, College Park, and attended a French language program at L'Université Laval in Québec City, Canada; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2026 Winter Policy Summit, in Washington, D.C., congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Michael T. Richard on his tenure at the Maryland Public Service Commission, thanks him for his leadership, dedication, vision, and friendship, and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
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