

**Honorary Resolutions Adopted by the
Board of Directors
of the
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners**

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Resolution Honoring Alessandra R. Carreon

Whereas Alessandra R. Carreon served on the Michigan Public Service Commission as a Commissioner from July 23, 2023, to July 2, 2025;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Carreon played a pivotal role in engagement opportunities by leading and organizing an Electric Vehicle Technical Conference at the Michigan Public Service Commission and championed other internal collaborations on topics of interest;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon's prior roles at RMI and Ford Motor Company brought experience and knowledge in carbon-free transportation, electric vehicle battery circularity, equitable fleet electrification, accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, corporate sustainability, responsible material sourcing, global supply chain sustainability, and environmental regulatory compliance;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon served on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, which discusses ways to provide utility customers with environmentally sustainable and affordable energy services and the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning, sharing and developing planning process to navigate the challenging energy landscape;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon participated in the WRI Electric School Bus Initiative (ESBI) Advisory Council and WRI ESBI Equity Working Group, the Michigan Council of Future Mobility and Electrification, the Michigan Environmental Justice Response Team, and the Michigan Poverty Task Force;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Rice University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon's education, experience, and professional roles served her well as a Michigan Public Service Commissioner;

Whereas Commissioner Carreon's service and leadership exemplified the value of the mission statement to ensure safe, reliable, and accessible energy and telecommunications services at reasonable rates; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Carreon will be remembered at the Michigan Public Service Commission, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service; *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 Alessandra R. Carreon on her tenure at the Michigan Public Service Commission, thanks her for her leadership and friendship. and expresses its best wishes for all future endeavors.

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Resolution Honoring Sarah Freeman

Whereas Sarah Freeman has dedicated more than 25 years to advancing utility regulation, law, and policy, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to public service and the sound governance of essential infrastructure;

Whereas Commissioner Freeman served the state of Indiana with distinction for nine years on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, providing thoughtful regulation and oversight of electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities, and communications service providers in service to the people of the Hoosier State;

Whereas throughout her tenure, Commissioner Freeman provided leadership within the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), and the Organization of MISO States, where she strengthened collaboration, transparency, and engagement across state, regional, and federal levels;

Whereas Commissioner Freeman expanded educational and professional development opportunities for commissioners, commission staff, and stakeholders, fostering a stronger and more informed regulatory community; and

Whereas she enhanced the dialogue among regulators, policymakers, and the research community through her work with notable organizations such as the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC), the National Council on Electricity Policy, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri; and

Whereas Commissioner Freeman served with distinction as the immediate past president of MARC; during her tenure, and with the help of many dedicated volunteers from the IURC and elsewhere, she oversaw the 2025 MARC conference in Indianapolis, Ind., which is still receiving rave reviews;

Whereas Commissioner Freeman also advanced universal voice and broadband access through her service on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company, promoting digital equity and connectivity for all Americans;

Whereas before her appointment to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Commissioner Emeritus Freeman committed more than a decade and a half to public service across all three branches of Indiana state government—as a judicial clerk to Justice Frank Sullivan of the Indiana Supreme Court, a deputy attorney general, and as legal counsel to the Indiana General Assembly’s Legislative Services Agency;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Freeman earned multiple bachelor’s degrees in French, psychology, and political science. and a Juris Doctor from Indiana University–Bloomington, where she was a member of the inaugural class of Herman B Wells Scholars, reflecting a lifelong dedication to scholarship and integrity;

Whereas while at the IURC, Commissioner Emeritus Freeman was always quick to acknowledge the assistance and the expertise of IURC staff and was generous in her praise for their contributions;

Whereas following her accomplished tenure as commissioner, Sarah Freeman continues her public service as a Principal at the Regulatory Assistance Project and as a member of the Council of Commissioners, where her expertise continues to inform sound energy and utility policy worldwide; *and Whereas* just like her beloved and undefeated (16 – 0) # 1 National Champion IU Hoosiers, Sarah Freeman is never daunted and shall not falter, and just like her fellow residents of Hoosier Nation, Sarah can often be heard shouting “HOO, HOO, HOO, HOOSIERS” to fans of other teams, *now therefor be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2026 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., expresses its sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to Sarah Freeman for her exemplary service, steady leadership, and invaluable contributions to the field of public utility regulation; *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC extends its best wishes to Sarah Freeman as she continues her distinguished career, confident that her insights and commitment to the public interest will continue to benefit the regulatory community and the public it serves.

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Resolution Honoring Marissa P. Gillett

Whereas Marissa P. Gillett served on the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority as Chairman from 2019 to 2025;

Whereas Chairman Gillett previously served as Vice President of External Relations for the Energy Storage Association, and prior to that role was senior advisor to the chairman at the Maryland Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Gillett served on NARUC's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Gillett served as a member of other organizations, including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Board;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Gillett strived throughout her career to be a dedicated public servant and worked diligently to serve the ratepayers of Connecticut;

Whereas Commissioner Gillett is a dedicated wife to her husband, Phil, and her children, Asher and Adelaide;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Gillett earned a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Gillett will be remembered at the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service; *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 Marissa P. Gillett on her tenure at the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, thanks her for her leadership and friendship, and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

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Resolution Honoring Jason R. Holsman

Whereas Jason Holsman was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission by Governor Michael Parson on January 13, 2020, and unanimously confirmed by the Missouri State Senate. He served as a commissioner for a five-year term;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman served in the Missouri House of Representatives for three terms, and the Missouri State Senate for nearly two terms. While in the House, he was chair of the Committee on Renewable Energy and served on the Joint Committee on Urban Agriculture and the Joint Committee on Education, Utilities, and International Trade and Business. In the Senate, Commissioner Holsman served on the Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee, the Education Committee, the General Laws Committee, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Veterans Affairs and Health Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman served the state of Missouri well with his tough and thoughtful questioning of the entities that appeared before him on numerous cases. He fought for and represented the perspective of ratepayers overall during his tenure as a commissioner;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman served as Missouri's designee to the Organization of MISO States Board and performed the liaison role for the Seams and then the Distributed Energy Resources Work Group;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman was a fixture at NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment meetings, respected for his honesty and insights, and will be missed;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman served as the Chair of the NARUC International Relations Committee, championing the Committee's work all over the world to provide educational assistance in the area of utility regulation and embraced representing the Committee at the 2023 Canadian Association of Utility Commissioners Conference in Toronto and the World Forum on Energy Regulation Peru 2023;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman offered key insights into transparent regulatory structures, public engagement, and the importance of regulatory independence while hosting regulators from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan at the Missouri Public Service Commission as part of the USAID/NARUC Central Asia Energy Regulatory Partnership U.S. in November 2023;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman shared his knowledge the benefits and incentives to promote Distributed Energy Resources , Net Metering, Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure, and pricing issues with representatives of the Electricity Authority of Cambodia in April 2024 under an activity supported by the Bureau of Energy Resources Power Sector Program at the U.S. Department of State and NARUC;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman consistently approached all matters as a commissioner of the Missouri Public Service Commission with preparedness and professionalism, striving to make fair, unbiased decisions in the public interest;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman had a dedicated career in education, as a social studies instructor among other subjects, in Kansas City, Missouri. Commissioner Emeritus Holsman also coached varsity athletics. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history from the

University of Kansas and a Master of Arts degree in diplomacy and military science from Norwich University in Vermont. Commissioner Emeritus Holsman also received his Missouri State Teaching certificate from Northwest Missouri State University;

Whereas Commissioner Holsman Emeritus is husband to Robyn, an instructional technology specialist, and proud father of two grown children. Savannah studies at the University of Missouri and Grant attends Kansas State University. In his free time, Commissioner Emeritus Holsman enjoys traveling, visiting his kids at college, motorcycle riding, playing the guitar, spending time outdoors, and spending time at the lake; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Holsman was the epitome of a dedicated public servant throughout his career, a person of great integrity, and someone who always fought for the people; *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., extends its heartfelt thanks to Commissioner Emeritus Jason R. Holsman for his dedicated service to the national regulatory community.

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Resolution Honoring James M. Van Nostrand

Whereas James M. Van Nostrand served on the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities as Chair from May 2023 through January 2025;

Whereas Chair Emeritus Van Nostrand brought extensive expertise in energy law and environmental policy to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, having previously served as Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development at West Virginia University College of Law, where he was a leading scholar on the energy transition, utility regulation, and climate policy;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand led the Department through a critical period of energy transition in Massachusetts, overseeing the implementation of landmark climate legislation, including the 2024 Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity and Protecting Ratepayers, which reformed energy infrastructure siting, established the Division of Public Participation, and created the Intervenor Support Program;

Whereas under Chair Van Nostrand's leadership, the Department approved transformative Electric Sector Modernization Plans designed to enhance grid reliability and resilience while supporting the rapid deployment of renewable energy, energy storage, and electrification technologies essential to Massachusetts' climate goals;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand championed energy affordability and equity throughout his tenure, advancing critical proceedings on energy burden reduction, establishing enhanced language access and public participation plans, and expanding the Department's outreach to environmental justice communities across the Commonwealth;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand actively participated in NARUC's work, including serving on the Energy Resources and Environment Committee and the Natural Gas Planning Task Force;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand brought a collaborative and thoughtful approach to regulatory decision-making, fostering productive relationships with utilities, stakeholders, state agencies, and fellow commissioners while maintaining rigorous oversight and commitment to the public interest;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand prioritized nurturing a positive workplace culture at the Department, supporting staff development, mentoring countless colleagues, and improving morale while guiding the organization through significant structural changes and expansion of its mission;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand is a dedicated husband and father, proud Iowan, author, lover of dive bars and trivia nights, frequent viewer of Yankee playoff losses, and undercover fan of the evil empire behind enemy lines;

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa, a Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law, and a Master of Laws in Environmental Law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; *and*

Whereas Chair Van Nostrand will be remembered at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, NARUC, and throughout the energy regulatory community for his scholarly approach to complex regulatory challenges, his unwavering commitment to climate action and environmental justice, his dedication to public service, and his collegial and thoughtful leadership style; *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 James M. Van Nostrand on his tenure at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, thanks him for his leadership and friendship, and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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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.

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