

GS-3 Resolution for Permitted Infrastructure Certainty and Durability

Whereas the demand for energy continues on an unprecedented upward trajectory, estimated to increase 50 percent by 2050 according to the ICF and Grid Strategies LLC;

Whereas the only way to meet this demand is to scale up energy infrastructure of all types —such as renewables, natural gas, nuclear — including siting of new power generation assets, as well as the transmission assets like pipelines and wires to move energy where it is needed;

Whereas these new power generation assets are needed not only for growing demand, but also to replace aging and retiring power plants;

Whereas investments in these interstate and intrastate projects often require years of environmental and engineering reviews, land use and legal planning, and regulatory proceedings across multiple jurisdictions and governing bodies;

Whereas energy infrastructure developers require a consistent and efficient regulatory process that produces durable permits and authorizations to secure the capital needed to finance the complex energy systems that serve American families and businesses;

Whereas to protect consumers from economic disruptions, cost shifting and reliability risks, the United States (U.S.) must streamline federal and state permitting processes to create additional certainty around energy projects of all types to meet the demand challenges in the near and long term;

Whereas the cancellation of fully permitted energy projects could lead investors to decide not to finance critical projects in the future or to require higher returns to account for this risk, either of which would place a larger financial burden on American homes and businesses; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in Seattle, Washington, hereby calls on the U.S. Congress and state legislatures to create the regulatory certainty needed to promote investment in critical energy infrastructure by enacting meaningful permitting reforms that establish a rational, efficient, consistent permitting process that produce durable regulatory approvals.

Passed by the Committee on Gas on November 10, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 11, 2025.