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NARUC Board of Directors  
at the  
2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in La Quinta, California***

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## ***Resolution Honoring Elijah Abinah***

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah has over 28 years of experience in public utility regulation, most recently as the Utilities Division Director for the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), serving the ACC for 19 years and before that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for eight years;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah served as the Co-chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on International Relations from November 2021 – August 2023, and as a member since September 2017, dedicating his time and efforts to facilitate information sharing within the domestic regulatory community about international utility and regulatory processes, methods, and viewpoints. And Mr. Abinah further served as a member of the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications from February 2008 – August 2023;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah was recognized in November 2018 with the coveted *NARUC Annual Award for Promoting International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation in Honor of Terry Barnich* for his dedication to providing impactful and lasting support to NARUC's partners abroad;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah has provided critical knowledge and assistance to NARUC's long-running partnership with the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development and Power Africa, and has engaged with NERC on reliability, cost-reflective tariffs, regulatory accounting, gas-to-power, and power purchase agreements, while also training new NERC commissioners on key issues;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah consistently goes above and beyond with his volunteer time to NARUC. This was most recently demonstrated when he participated in several days of training with NARUC at a September 2023 NERC training on Rate Design for Vulnerable Customers, actively participating in discussions and contributing to the overall success of the event. Even though he had not originally planned to take part in this event, he enthusiastically participated and made valuable contributions to the content and operations of the program;

*Whereas* over two separate trips to Kigali, Rwanda, Mr. Abinah supported the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority to improve their electricity rate setting practices and prepare for the introduction of net metering;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah provided foundational training on regulatory accounting to the Zambia Energy Regulation Board, guiding participants in identifying key considerations and next steps for implementation;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah supported the launch of the Papua New Guinea Energy Regulatory Partnership, attending the first peer-to-peer activity to build the partner regulator's capacity on to design and implement cost-reflective electricity tariffs. Mr. Abinah also provided ongoing remote support to NARUC's PNG partners by reviewing draft regulations and participating in virtual trainings;

*Whereas* Mr. Abinah shared expert insights on market design and retail electric competition at the Remote Partnership Exchange on Wholesale Market Development with Ghana's Energy Commission and Public Utilities Regulatory Commission; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California, extend their gratitude to Elijan Abinah for his roles as Chair of NARUC's Staff Subcommittee on International Relations and for his significant contributions to NARUC's International Programs and express their best wishes for his future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Committee on International Relations  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

*Honorary Resolution of Minnesota Public Utilities Staff Member, Dr. Tera Dornfeld, former Chair of NARUC's Staff Subcommittee on Electricity*

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld has now ended her dedicated and distinguished service in support of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' ("NARUC") Committee on Electricity and Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity;

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld stepped into her leadership role with grace, great competence, humor, and a commitment to supporting then-Chair Matt Schuerger and other leaders of the Electricity Committee and Staff subcommittee in hosting informative, important conversations, panel discussions, and site visits;

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld has been a Regulatory Analyst and Public Engagement Specialist at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission since 2020, presented with a colleague on Advancing Equity Consideration in Distribution System Planning for NARUC and the Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium in May 2023, and was recently appointed with the Honorable Commissioner Valerie Means to NARUC's Task Force on Evolving Gas Infrastructure Planning;

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld has earned her bachelor's degree of Arts in Biology from Cornell College, master's degree of Science in Biology from Purdue University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Public Policy from the University of California-Irvine's School of Social Ecology;

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld is featured on a viral Youtube video, receiving a hug from a sloth and has contributed research to the protection of the olive ridley sea turtle;

*Whereas* Dr. Tera Dornfeld has served NARUC with high intelligence, honor, and integrity; *now, therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California recognizes, commends, and thanks Dr. Tera Dornfeld for her fearless, exhaustive, and principled efforts to increase public engagement and consideration of the public interest in utility regulation during her influential tenure as Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity, and extends its respect and best wishes to her, her husband, and their incredibly intelligent and adorable son, Linus.

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*Passed by the Committee on Electricity*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

## ***Resolution Honoring Kelly Monaghan***

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission has now completed a two-year term (June 2021 – June 2023) as Chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance, during which she has provided extraordinary service through her wise guidance to the Committee members and her valued leadership to the staff; and

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan served faithfully and effectively as Secretary of the Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance from 2018 through 2021; and,

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan has been an active member in good standing of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance; and,

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan's leadership and participation in Staff Subcommittee meetings has been instrumental in developing and advancing the mission of the Staff Subcommittee; and,

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan's leadership during the global COVID-19 crisis was unprecedented and without which the work of the Staff Subcommittee could not have continued; and,

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan has made a substantial contribution to the quality and effectiveness of the Staff Subcommittee throughout her tenure; and,

*Whereas* Kelly Monaghan's work within the NARUC Staff Subcommittee has had a positive influence on the effectiveness of public utility regulation education; *now, therefore be it,*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in La Quinta, California, extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kelly Monaghan for her role as Chair and Secretary of the Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance.

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*Sponsored by the Executive Committee for the Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors November 14, 2023*

## ***Resolution Honoring David Morton***

*Whereas* Mr. Morton currently serves as Special Advisor to the Manitoba Utilities Commission and served as Chair and CEO of the British Columbia Utilities Commission from January 2016 – September 2023, and as a Commissioner from December 2010 to December 2015. Prior to that he served as Senior Consultant for ITSN Ltd from June 1997 to December 2015; and as System Development Manager with the British Columbia Automobile Association from 1995 to 1998;

*Whereas* Mr. Morton served as the Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Committee on International Relations from September 2018 – September 2023, championing NARUC’s international engagements through his own direct participation, drumming up interest among CAMPUT’s membership, and dedicating himself to public service at the global level;

*Whereas* Mr. Morton also demonstrated his commitment to promoting good regulatory practices around the world in serving as Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) from August 2023 to present and as Co Vice Chair of ICER from June 2020 to August 2023;

Whereas in May 2019, Mr. Morton shared his wide ranging and extensive expertise integrated resources planning and renewable energy integration with regulators from Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and South Africa, during a training in Gaborone, Botswana;

*Whereas* in January 2022, Mr. Morton shared his expertise on natural gas regulation with the Tanzania Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), presenting on the fundamentals of natural gas tariff setting and on the introduction of competition in Canada’s gas sector;

*Whereas* Mr. Morton contributed to the development of demand response programs in Europe & Eurasia by sharing BCUC experience and effective regulatory management of such programs with the regulators from the region during a training in Vienna, Austria in December 2022;

*Whereas* in May 2023, Mr. Morton shared his expertise on rate case procedures and processes with the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) and other Sri Lankan energy sector stakeholders to assist in their efforts to implement cost reflective tariffs, during a training in Colombo in Sri Lanka; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California, extend their gratitude to David Morton for his role as Co-Vice Chair of NARUC’s Committee on International Relations and for his significant contributions to NARUC’s International Programs and express their best wishes for his future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Committee on International Relations*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

## *Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Ed Salmon of New Jersey*

*Whereas* Dr. Edward H. Salmon was appointed as President to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) in April 1991 by Governor James Florio after having served in the New Jersey State Assembly;

*Whereas* BPU President Salmon became active in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving as an officer in the organization. Dr. Salmon served two years as NARUC's Vice President and as Chair of NARUC's Executive Committee;

*Whereas* President Salmon also served as President of the Great Lakes Conference (16 states) and on the Board of Directors for the both the National Society of Rate of Return Analysts and the National Regulatory Research Institute;

*Whereas* while an officer in NARUC, President Salmon was the influence behind the creation of NARUC's Washington Action Program, which remains an integral part of NARUC's advocacy efforts;

*Whereas* upon leaving public service, Dr. Salmon remained active in NARUC becoming President of NARUC's Commissioners Emeritus organization for an amazing 20 years,

*Whereas*, Dr. Salmon founded Salmon Ventures, a successful consulting firm that specialized in utilities, government, and education, where he is still serves as Chairman;

*Whereas* Dr. Salmon, along with his wife and NARUC family member Marilyn, attended countless NARUC meetings, as well as meetings of NARUC's regional affiliates for a remarkable 32 years;

*Whereas* prior to his service on the New Jersey BPU, Dr. Salmon has been as a coach, teacher, Mayor, County Freeholder, and State Assemblyman;

*Whereas* while teaching at Millville High School, Coach Salmon was a successful coach in basketball and other sports; He is a member of the South Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame;

*Whereas* Coach Salmon's love for the game of basketball led him to begin NARUC's Dream Team basketball game at each of the NARUC annual meetings. The Dream Team game continues to be a NARUC tradition now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year;

*Whereas* Dr. Salmon's list of public and private community, civic, and business groups he has been a part of are far too many to list here, perhaps it is all encapsulated in his receipt of a Doctor of Humane Letters from Thomas Edison State College for his lifetime of work as an "untiring civic activist, philanthropist and humanitarian;"

*Whereas* Dr. Salmon and Marilyn have recently decided, after 32 years presence at nearly every NARUC meeting, that it's time to stay home and tend to their wonderful family; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in La Quinta, California extends its sincere gratitude to Commissioner Emeritus Ed Salmon for his long and noteworthy support for the mission of NARUC; *and be it further*

*Resolved* that Ed and Marilyn's many friends and colleagues are pleased to wish them the very best in their retirement.

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*Passed by the Executive Committee*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*



## ***Honorary Resolution for Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner Matt Schuerger***

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger served on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) as a Commissioner from 2015 to 2023 where he served as Lead Commissioner on the update of statewide interconnection standards and championed issues related to reliability, resilience, grid modernization, demand flexibility, performance-based regulation, and was a mentor to numerous Staff;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger also served on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Member Representative Committee since 2019, Electric Power Research Institute's Advisory Council since 2016;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger served on the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors from 2016 to 2021, as Board President in 2020, and as a liaison on transmission planning, distributed energy resources, and resource adequacy and energy markets;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger demonstrated a disciplined and purposeful commitment to tackling challenging issues with facts and deliberate consideration and expected the same excellence from colleagues and others;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger is a licensed professional engineer with a Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering - Electric Power Systems from the University of Minnesota and earned a Master's of Business and Administration in finance and management from the University of Saint Thomas;

*Whereas* prior to joining the MN PUC he served as a technical advisor to the Minnesota Department of Commerce on issues related to electric system reliability, planning, and renewable energy integration under both Democratic and Republican administrations;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger has served on NARUC's Board of Directors and Electricity Committee leadership since 2018, including as Committee Chair from 2022 to 2023. During which time, he authored the unanimously approved Resolution Recommending State Commissions Act to Adopt and Implement Distributed Energy Resource Standards (2020), brought thought-provoking topics to monthly calls and to panels at each NARUC policy summit, and co-authored the Resource Adequacy Primer for State Regulators;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger's attention to detail and thoughtful questions have prompted Staff to develop deeper subject matter expertise and more thorough preparedness for briefings and dockets such that the entire MN PUC Staff became more excellent during his tenure;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger's use of exclamation points to denote key passages of MN PUC Staff briefing papers is unparalleled among his colleagues;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger's dedication to updating Time of Use rates from "state of the art 1980 rate design" will ensure the electric grid is prepared for the clean energy transition;

*Whereas* the Honorable Matt Schuerger still found time to serve as a firefighter with the Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department in Northern Minnesota, show his expertise across electrical applications by operating within the ham radio network, chop firewood between briefings, and enjoy time with his family; *now, therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in La Quinta, California congratulates the Honorable Matt Schuerger on his tenure at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and thanks him for his independent and

technical professional contributions to utility regulation, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors and fishing trips.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

## *Honorary Resolution for Dianne Solomon*

*Whereas* Dianne Solomon served on the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commission (NJBPU) was nominated by Governor Chris Christie to serve as Commissioner at the NJBPU on April 17, 2013, confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on June 27, 2013, re-nominated and confirmed in 2017 and served through May 2023 also serving as NJBPU President and member of the Governor's Cabinet from January 14, 2014, through October 5, 2014;

*Whereas* she served as Chair of the Critical Infrastructure Committee from July of 2022 until April of 2023. She was a member of the Gas Committee since 2013 and was selected by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to serve as a representative to the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisor Council and NARUC's Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership with the US Department of Energy;

*Whereas* prior to Commissioner Solomon's appointment to the NJBPU she served as Commissioner of the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA);

*Whereas* in addition to her work in the public sector, Solomon was an official with the United States Tennis Association, serving as Middle States New Jersey District Chair;

*Whereas* Chair Solomon also contributed to the community and served as executive director of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation;

*Whereas* she also served as president of the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals and on the Board of Directors at the Katz Jewish Community Center, assisting in the transition to a much larger campus in Cherry Hill;

*Whereas* Chair Solomon has shown exceptional dedication to service to the public in both her public and private capacities;

*Whereas* Chair Solomon's commitment to public service will be remembered at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit congratulates Commissioner Dianne Solomon on her tenure as the Chair of the NARUC Critical Infrastructure Committee and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Critical Infrastructure and Gas Committees*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

***Honorary Resolution for Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Mark Thompson***

*Whereas* Mark Thompson served on the Oregon Public Utility Commission following his nomination by Governor Kate Brown and confirmation by the Oregon Senate in November 2019;

*Whereas he served as* a Member of NARUC's Committee on Natural Gas from 2019 until September of 2023, while also serving on the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council;

*Whereas* Mark Thompson's knowledge, leadership and participation in Committee meetings has been instrumental in developing and advancing the mission of the Committee;

*Whereas* Mark Thompson has made a substantial contribution to the quality and effectiveness of the Committee throughout his tenure;

*Whereas* he served as the inaugural Vice-Chair of the Committee of State Representatives for the Western Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program and contributed to NARUC's *Resource Adequacy for State Utility Regulators: Current Practices and Emerging Reforms* report;

*Whereas* in his work as Commissioner for the Oregon Public Utility Commission, Thompson helped the agency reach milestone decisions on implementation of Oregon's energy decarbonization laws, resource adequacy, rules and protections for low-income customers, and equity considerations in utility regulation;

*Whereas* Mark Thompson's work within the NARUC Committee on Gas has had a positive influence on the effectiveness of public utility regulation education; *now, therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California congratulates Commissioner Mark Thompson on his tenure as a Member of the NARUC Committee on Gas and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Committee on Gas*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*

## *Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Odogwu Obi Linton*

*Whereas* Odogwu Obi Linton served on the Maryland Public Service Commission as a Commissioner for approximately 6 years from 2017 to June 2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton began as a meter reader and engineering intern at Public Service Electric and Gas in New Jersey.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton first came to the Commission as a law intern and later clerked for the Honorable Evelyn Omega Cannon in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton was a Regulatory Attorney for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, where he specialized in consumer disputes and worked on the deregulation of the electric industry.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton rejoined the Commission five years later as Deputy Staff Counsel and led the Commission's Consumer Dispute Resolution Unit.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton later started his own law firm representing consumers, small businesses, and deregulated suppliers in litigation and transactional matters.

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton returned to the Commission to serve as the Director of the Consumer Affairs Office where among several tasks he served as the Manager of the Commission's Supplier Diversity Program and led the process to adopt consumer protections for the electric and gas deregulated markets;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served as Chair for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Consumers and the Public Interest Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served on the NARUC Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resiliency and the Supplier and Workforce Diversity Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton served as the founding Chair of the Staff Committee for NARUC's Supplier and Workforce Diversity (formerly the Utility Marketplace Access) Subcommittee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton has provided distinguished compassionate and dedicated leadership during his many years of public service to the citizens of his state as well as a valued resource to his fellow Commissioners;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton is a dedicated husband to his wife Stacy and is the father of three sons ;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies from Rutgers University;

*Whereas* Commissioner Linton will be remembered at the Maryland Public Service Commission and by his many colleagues at NARUC, and by the numerous organizations in which he has served for his commitment to public service, as well as for his humility, kindness, and for his great sense of humor; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its November 2023 Annual Meeting and Education Conference, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Odogwu Obi Linton on his tenure at the Maryland Public Service Commission, thanks him for his leadership and friendship and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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*Passed by the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 14, 2023*