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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Rachael A. Eubanks

Whereas Commissioner Rachael A. Eubanks served as a member of the Michigan Public Service Commission from August 1, 2016 through December 21, 2018;

Whereas in this role, Commissioner Eubanks presided over all regulated public utility matters in the State of Michigan, including electric, gas, private water and wastewater, telecommunications, water transportation, and motor carrier transportation utilities;

Whereas prior to this appointment, Commissioner Eubanks worked in public finance for 13 years, 10 of those years with Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc.;

Whereas she rose to the position of director and completed more than \$22 billion in bond financings, primarily for the State of Michigan, Michigan State Building Authority, Michigan Finance Authority and other state agencies;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks served as financial advisor on a \$185 million issuance for the Public Lighting Authority of Detroit that financed a complete overhaul of the city's street lighting system;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks has been an active and enthusiastic member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), serving on its Board of Directors, its Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, Committee on Electricity, and its Subcommittee on Education and Research;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks was appointed and served proudly as Chair of NARUC's Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity and the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks represented Michigan on the board of the Organization of PJM States ("OPSI") and was elected to the Executive Committee as OPSI's Vice President;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks worked diligently with educational institutions to promote diversity and inclusion, such as her participation in the "Preparing African Males for Energy and Education" program at Michigan Technological University;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks provided similar assistance to numerous other organizations in the State, such as her collaboration with the Energy Club of the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks was named 2018 Honoree at the American Association of Blacks in Energy - Michigan Chapter's 2018 Lewis H. Latimer Scholarship Networking Gala;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks is well-known as a competitive curler (ice, not cosmetology);

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks is responsible for the creation of the term "glamping" as a result of her love of glamorous camping in her Airstream;

Whereas Commissioner Eubanks' infectious energy, vision, and policy leadership will be greatly missed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”)Board of Directors of NARUC, convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. extends to Rachael A. Eubanks its utmost gratitude and appreciation for her years of public service to the State of Michigan and wishes Commissioner Emeritus Eubanks success and happiness as she continues exemplary work in her new role as State Treasurer of Michigan.

*Sponsored by Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019*

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Betty Ann “Jersey Girl” Kane

Whereas Commissioner Betty Ann Kane was born and raised in Teaneck, New Jersey, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Middlebury College, and received a Master of Arts (English) from Yale University, as well as specialized academic study in Telecommunications Regulation at the Annenberg School and in Investing and Finance at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania;

Whereas Commissioner Kane began her 44-years of public service when she was elected to an At-Large seat on the District of Columbia School Board in 1974 and served through 1978;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served from 1979 until 1990 as an At-Large member of the Council of the District of Columbia where, among her many legislative initiatives, she successfully sponsored legislation to reform the role of the Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a Non-Resident Commissioner on the City of Rehoboth Beach, DE Board of Commissioners from 1992 to 2005;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a Federal Relations Advisor from 1985 through 2002 for a D.C. law firm, where she provided government relations and lobbying services for clients, specializing in domestic and international telecommunications law and policy, public finance, cable television franchising and regulation, and other local government issues;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was appointed as a Trustee to the District of Columbia Retirement Board and served from 1993-2002, including serving as the Board’s Chairman from 1998 until 2001, and the Board’s Executive Director from 2002 until 2005, where she led the agency’s transition from an investment board to a full-service retirement agency;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was nominated by Mayors Adrian Fenty and Vincent Gray and confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia beginning in 2007 and as Chairman from 2009 through 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served for 11 years as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), including as a member of the Committee on Telecommunications and as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas as a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, Kane has been known as the “go-to” Commissioner to sponsor resolutions that were guaranteed to elicit Committee debate, including 24 telecommunications policy resolutions that were adopted by the Committee on Telecommunications and the Board of Directors;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a NARUC representative to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services for ten years beginning in May 2008;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was a NARUC representative to the FCC’s North American Numbering Council (“NANC”), appointed in 2008, and was the first NARUC representative appointed as Chairman of the NANC and served as the NANC's Chairman from October 2009 to November 2017, where she prodded the FCC to undertake the first competitive bidding process for the Local Number Portability Administrator's

("LNPA") contract in 17 years and which led to a new LNPA contract that saved consumers of wireline and wireless telecommunications services in excess of \$2 billion;

Whereas Commissioner Kane demonstrated her support for regional collaboration on multiple utility regulatory policy issues as a member and past President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("MACRUC"), including serving as Chairman of the MACRUC Telecommunications Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Kane promoted the development of a strong and innovative multi-utility policy research program for state utility regulatory commissions as the Chairman and Treasurer of the National Regulatory Research Institute;

Whereas Commissioner Kane demonstrated leadership on energy policy issues as a member of: the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council; the Nominating Committee and the Virtual Working Group on Education, Training and Best Practices for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators; the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. ("OPSI"); the Steering Committee for the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative; the National Council on Electricity Policy; and the Advisory Board to the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was appointed by former-Mayor Gray as a Member of the Mayor's Power Line Undergrounding Task Force for 2012 to 2013, where she promoted approval of a \$500 million public-private partnership, including adoption of legislation by the D.C. Council to authorize the Public Service Commission to implement a "pay-as-you-go" finance measure, to cover the costs to underground the local electric distribution company's most vulnerable primary feeders;

Whereas during Commissioner Kane's 11-year tenure as Commissioner and Chairman of the D.C. Public Service Commission, she voted on more than 5,256 orders, including orders that resulted in the mergers of the District's electric and gas distribution companies with out-of-District companies;

Whereas Commissioner Kane, through her outstanding leadership and advocacy, has made numerous and immeasurable positive contributions to the best interests of utility service consumers in the District of Columbia and nationally; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Betty Ann Kane for her tireless service to NARUC, other state commissions and organizations, the District of Columbia, and America's utility service consumers.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

Resolution Honoring Travis Kavulla

Whereas Travis Kavulla served on the Montana Public Service Commission for eight years as a commissioner, chairman (2011-2012) and vice-chairman (2015-2018);

Whereas Travis Kavulla is a fourth-generation Montanan and the youngest person to be elected to the Montana Public Service Commission in state history;

Whereas Travis Kavulla served as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) from 2015-2016;

Whereas while President of NARUC, Travis Kavulla was instrumental in the creation of the Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design to provide a forum for staff to discuss rate design issues and to share lessons learned with other staff from around the United States;

Whereas while President of NARUC, Travis Kavulla directed the preparation of the Distributed Energy Resources Rate Design and Compensation Manual which remains an indispensable source of information and guidance for regulators around the country;

Whereas Travis Kavulla represented NARUC on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute;

Whereas Travis Kavulla earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Harvard University;

Whereas Travis Kavulla earned a master’s degree in history from the University of Cambridge, England, where he was a Gates Scholar;

Whereas Travis Kavulla was an associate editor of the National Review and a freelance journalist prior to his time as a regulator;

Whereas Travis Kavulla took a leading role in regional and national initiatives, particularly with regard to the development of a regional wholesale energy market in the western United States;

Whereas Travis Kavulla led efforts to reduce or remove barriers to entry in the public transportation sector in Montana;

Whereas Travis Kavulla helped simplify or repeal legacy rate regulations of the telecommunications sector in Montana;

Whereas Travis Kavulla spearheaded the implementation of performance-based regulation for electric utilities’ procurement of energy in Montana;

Whereas Travis Kavulla directed the preparation of the Distributed Energy Resources Compensation Manual while president of NARUC;

Whereas Travis Kavulla acted as co-chairman of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation and led west-wide discussions on energy policy, wholesale electricity markets, and the reliability of the grid;

Whereas Travis Kavulla served as co-chairman of the Northern Tier Transmission Group Steering Committee;

Whereas Travis Kavulla served as a member of the Board of Directors and Member Advisory Committee of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council;

Whereas Travis Kavulla was appointed by the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to serve as the chairman of the North American Numbering Council;

Whereas Travis Kavulla served as an active member of the FCC’s Universal Service Joint Board;

Whereas Travis Kavulla serves as a member on the governing body of the Western Energy Imbalance Market;

Whereas Travis Kavulla’s passion for knowledge and ability to digest and comprehend complex, difficult issues in a brief amount of time is incredible;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is highly respected and a thought leader in the realm of utility regulation;

Whereas Travis Kavulla has been a strong advocate for performance-based regulation to ensure utilities that have been granted monopoly privileges are faced with the same incentives that exist in a competitive environment;

Whereas his contributions and dedication to public service were invaluable;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is an avid reader with a quick wit and uncanny ability to summon a literary reference appropriate for nearly any situation;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is an ardent hiker that enjoys exercise and spending time outdoors, ideally followed by a locally crafted brew to quench his thirst;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is a world traveler that has ventured across the globe seeking culture and experience, of both the well-known and obscure variant, including risking life and limb to introduce fellow travelers to the delicacies of kiti moto and mbuzi choma;

Whereas Travis Kavulla has a deep appreciation and love for the state of Montana;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is the director of energy and environmental policy at the R Street Institute;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is admired and respected by colleagues and staffers, both past and present;

Whereas Travis Kavulla is a faith-oriented person that resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Laura;

Whereas Travis Kavulla will be greatly missed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., extends its deepest thanks, sincere appreciation, and gratitude to Travis Kavulla for his many years of public service to the State of Montana and to NARUC.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

Resolution Honoring Nancy Lange

Whereas Nancy M. Lange holds a Bachelor of Science in food science and technology from Iowa State University and earned a Masters of Arts in public policy with a concentration in energy and environmental policy from University of Minnesota;

Whereas prior to being appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Chairman Lange served as the Manager of Policy and Engagement at the Center for Energy and Environment, and the Clean Air Program Director at the Izaak Walton League of America;

Whereas Chairman Lange was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“MN PUC”) by Governor Mark Dayton, effective March 4, 2013;

Whereas Chairman Lange was appointed as the MN PUC Chair on January 23, 2017;

Whereas Chairman Lange was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, where she served as Chair, and the Washington Action Committee;

Whereas Chairman Lange was a member of the Midcontinent States Environmental and Energy Regulators group where she served as its Chair, and was also a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference;

Whereas Chairman Lange is unfailingly polite, even when repeatedly gaveling an unruly meeting to order;

Whereas Chairman Lange led with a unique mix of practicality and empathy that made participants feel heard while keeping sight of the big picture;

Whereas Chairman Lange is often described as thoughtful, humble, considerate of others opinions and truly wanting what was best for Minnesota;

Whereas Chairman Lange was firmly rooted in basing her decision on state statutes and administrative rules, even when those decisions may have been contrary to her personal convictions;

Whereas Chairman Lange has been a regional and national leader in grid modernization and distribution planning; and worked tirelessly to help guide the largest and best Community Solar Garden program in the country; *now therefore be it*

Resolved; that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its Winter Policy Summit in Washington D.C., extends gratitude to Nancy M. Lange for her guidance on NARUC’s Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and NARUC’s Board of Directors, and her thoughtful, pragmatic, and respectful leadership, and expresses its best wishes as she goes on to serve on the MISO Board of Directors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Washington Action Committee

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

Resolution Honoring Wendy “I Think I Can Help” Moser

Whereas Commissioner Wendy M. Moser was born and raised in South Hand County, South Dakota; graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree with Honors with a double major in mathematics and political science and a minor in computer science; and received a Juris Doctor from the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law;

Whereas Commissioner Moser began her career at the Sherman & Howard law firm in Denver, Colorado as a Law Clerk and then as an Associate, practicing civil litigation in state and federal court, with an emphasis on general commercial, construction, insurance defense and banking law through 1993;

Whereas Commissioner Moser joined Qwest Communications and its predecessor US West in 1993, where serving as a Senior Attorney, Corporate Counsel, Associate General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy, she represented the company before the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and negotiated the first national mediated interconnection agreement for offering unbundled network elements;

Whereas Commissioner Moser opened her own private law practice in 2008 and assisted clients with legal and regulatory issues in the telecommunications and energy industries;

Whereas Commissioner Moser joined Black Hills Corporation in 2011, serving in the roles of Sr. Corporate Counsel, Vice President of Electric Regulatory Services and Sr. Corp. Counsel, and Vice President of Regulatory Services, responsible for regulatory revenue for both gas and electric regulatory utility groups until 2014;

Whereas Commissioner Moser joined Charter Communications in 2015 as Senior Manager, Government Relations, as the lead negotiator franchise agreements and managing political relationships in Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming;

Whereas Commissioner Moser was appointed by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper in early 2017 and confirmed by the Colorado Senate as a Commissioner on the Colorado Public Utility Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Moser served for 2 years as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), including as a member of the Committee on Telecommunications and as a member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure;

Whereas Commissioner Moser has been known as the upbeat, “I think I can help” Commissioner who was willing to take on, as a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, any assignment Chair Paul Kjellander asked, including sponsoring multiple resolutions, moderating panels guaranteed to elicit Committee debate, and even going so far as to have staff wear referee jerseys so that we didn’t take our subject matter (or ourselves) too seriously;

Whereas Commissioner Moser served as a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations for two years and brokered compromises none thought possible;

Whereas Commissioner Moser was a NARUC representative to the FCC’s Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group, and was named chair of the Government Process and Procedures Subgroup;

Whereas Commissioner Moser through her outstanding leadership and advocacy has made numerous and immeasurable positive contributions in the best interests of utility service consumers in Colorado and nationally; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Wendy M. Moser for her tireless service to NARUC, other state commissions and organizations, the State of Colorado, and America's utility service consumers.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

Resolution Honoring Carla Peterman

Whereas Carla J. Peterman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Howard University, where she graduated *summa cum laude*; earned a Master of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar; and received a Doctor of Philosophy in energy and resources from the University of California, Berkeley;

Whereas in 2011, Commissioner Peterman was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) where she was lead Commissioner for renewables, transportation, natural gas, and the 2012 Integrated Energy Policy Report;

Whereas at the CEC, Commissioner Peterman oversaw the implementation of California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) regulations for publicly owned utilities, the New Solar Home Partnership Program, and the \$100 million annual Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program;

Whereas in December 2012 Commissioner Peterman was appointed to the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) by Governor Brown;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman led several CPUC clean-energy initiatives including the adoption of the nation’s first utility energy storage mandate, the first framework for energy storage multi-use applications, approval of nearly \$1 billion of utility investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, adoption of utility energy efficiency goals and business plans, and the implementation of California’s RPS;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman received several recognitions for her public service, including KJLH Proven Achievers Award (2018), C3E Government Award (2015), Clean Energy Storage Alliance’s 2015 Policy Champion award; Coalition for Clean Air's 2014 Clean Air Champion award, and the California Legislative Black Caucus’ Horizon Award (2013);

Whereas Commissioner Peterman served on various policy boards, including Veloz, a non-profit organization that educates and empowers Californians to drive electric vehicles;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Committee on Energy Resources and Environment, where she served as Vice Chair; Task Force on Innovation; Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity; and Board of Director’s and its Committee on Investment;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman was not only a trailblazer in clean energy policy, but also the first African-American woman appointed to both the CEC and CPUC and the first CPUC Commissioner to become a mother while in office;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman’s arsenal of talents includes expert hula hooping, and in some instances, lighting the hula hoop on fire;

Whereas no one loves a good ice breaker more than Commissioner Peterman, and no one feared that the birds perched outside the CPUC office window would find their way inside more than Commissioner Peterman;

Whereas Commissioner Peterman resides in the Bay Area and enjoys reading and family time with her husband and son; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its Winter Policy Summit in Washington D.C., extends gratitude to Carla Peterman for her forward thinking and leadership on NARUC’s Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, for serving on NARUC’s Board of Directors, and her efforts to continually champion strong environmental stewardship, and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019

Resolution Honoring Elana Cunningham Wills

Whereas Commissioner Elana Cunningham Wills served with distinction on the Arkansas Public Service Commission from January 2011 until January 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Wills also served with distinction as an Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court;

Whereas Commissioner Wills also served four different Attorneys General and built an encyclopedic knowledge of Arkansas law by leading the Opinions Section of the Office of Attorney General for many years;

Whereas during her time at the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Commissioner Wills developed a reputation as a prodigious editor of draft orders, completely intolerant of anything less than perfect grammar and usage, including a religious devotion to the Oxford Comma such that a more perfect “word nerd” has rarely walked the face of the earth;

Whereas since Commissioner Wills’ departure, her colleagues and associates at the Arkansas Commission have scrutinized every prose and punctuation usage and asked “What Would Elana Do?”

Whereas during her time at the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Commissioner Wills became known for treating all with decency and respect except when scaring the hell out of witnesses with tough questions during commission hearings;

Whereas many in the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners’ (“NARUC”) family did not have the privilege of knowing Commissioner Wills because her outstanding judicial temperament and desire to avoid even the remote appearance of impropriety kept her away from NARUC and other meetings where she could come into contact with parties and issues that might come before the Arkansas Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Wills’s complete devotion to ethical rules, even ethical suggestions and possibilities, has given her an unassailable reputation of complete integrity;

Whereas Commissioner Wills’s colleagues on the Arkansas Commission believe that had commissioners from other States had the opportunity to get to know her, they would have been equally impressed with her long career of public service; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its Winter Policy Summit in Washington D.C., commends Commissioner Elana Cunningham Wills for her years of outstanding service to the Arkansas Public Service Commission and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 13, 2019*

Honorary Resolution for Bill Edge

Whereas Bill Edge completed his tenure on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on Consumers and the Public Interest (“CPI”) in 2019;

Whereas Bill showed superior leadership and exceptional organizational skills during his subcommittee service and was an invaluable resource to its members at NARUC meetings and throughout the year;

Whereas Bill was a staunch supporter of the CPI Subcommittee and added to educational opportunities for his colleagues to enrich their understanding of the issues facing utility commissions;

Whereas Bill traveled to Indonesia with NARUC’s International Programs to help an underserved country by sharing his extensive expertise in media and regulatory relations;

Whereas Bill’s inquisitiveness often helps shed light on complex issues through the hard questions he is unafraid to ask;

Whereas Bill worked with the Georgia Public Service Commission as Public Information Officer and Legislative Liaison from 2000 to 2019 helping both the media and the Georgia legislators to understand the complex matters facing the Commission;

Whereas Bill faced difficult questions in media interviews, but he mastered the techniques of giving clear answers, restructuring questions, and deflecting off-target questions, always ensuring “the message” was delivered effectively;

Whereas Bill began his pursuit of academic excellence by earning a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Georgia before working nearly twenty years in radio and television broadcasting covering legislative and regulatory stories;

Whereas Bill served with distinction for over twenty years in the Naval Reserves with tours in Bahrain (2002), Iraq (2005), and Afghanistan (2012) and recently retired with the rank of Captain;

Whereas Bill used his many skills and talents to best serve the public interest; and after fielding thousands of reporter calls, he has earned the right to retire his personal cell number and email;

Whereas Bill only vacations 3 times per year, when he attends NARUC, and has never had to buy a meal there;

Whereas Bill has been married to his bride for 36 years, a milestone in today’s world; *now therefore be it Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. extends its congratulations and thanks to Bill Edge for his service to the national regulatory community.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest
Adopted by the Board of Directors on February 13, 2019*

Resolution Honoring Wisconsin's Universal Service Fund Director, Jeffrey J. Richter

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science (1977) and a Master of Science degree in Water Resources Management (1980) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter began his 35-years of public service at the Wisconsin Public Service Commission as a Public Utility Rate Analyst in 1983; served from 1989 to 2012 as the Principal Telecommunications Analyst; and from 2012 to 2019 served as the Universal Service Fund Director;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter worked diligently through the deregulation of Customer Premises Equipment, followed by Customer Service Wiring and used his experience and background with Wisconsin's Citizens Utility Board, to work for customer protections to ease market transitions, including developing a process to make a smooth and timely transition from multi-party lines to one-party service in Wisconsin;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter created a funding mechanism for 911 in Wisconsin, and served as its acting director;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter served on the staff committee for the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations, and maintains active service on the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter advocated for access to telecommunications equipment for people with speech, hearing, and vision disabilities;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter was a primary developer of the forerunner of Lifeline in Wisconsin, and was instrumental in creation and evolution of Lifeline on the federal level;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter demonstrated vision and innovation in his efforts to verify customer eligibility for Lifeline as key to avoiding waste and fraud, and worked tirelessly to develop interagency partnerships to create the nationally-recognized CALER interface providing a real-time method of verifying Lifeline eligibility;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter represented Wisconsin's needs and requirements on the federal level with regard to USA's National Lifeline Verifier, in order to maintain the partnerships behind, and role of, the States' sophisticated, reliable and efficient CALER interface;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter, from 1995 to 2019, authored and collaborated on the drafting, revision, and updates of Wisconsin Administrative Rules specific to the Universal Service Fund, Lifeline, the Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program, Link-Up, and Medical Tele-Equipment Grants;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter has demonstrated leadership through his transparent, objective, and timely actions to support and staff the Wisconsin Universal Service Fund Council, consisting of representatives from telecommunications companies, and organizations working with consumers such as health, social service, and nonprofit organizations;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter's prolific contributions to policy in the State of Wisconsin mirrored his reputation and activity at the national level;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter garnered a well-deserved reputation as a national expert and innovator, serving in practically every capacity as a very active member of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Communications, e.g., co-chairing NARUC’s 1997 Internet Working Group which produced a seminal report on pricing and universal service for internet traffic on the PSTN, as a member of the NARUC Lifeline Task Force, as staff to the Federal State Joint Board on Separations;

Whereas there is literally no one in NARUC who knows Jeff well that does not also like and respect him – his gregariousness, sense of humor, and technical experience have made him an invaluable friend and confidante of NARUC Commissioners and staff, consumer advocates, and professional colleagues working at the FCC, and in sector companies and trade associations;

Whereas Jeffrey Richter has been known to ride his bike along the Wisconsin roads and trails in rainy weather, with his shoes filled with water, for no other reason than to fulfill the commitment he has made to himself to live his life on his own terms;

Whereas Jeffrey J. Richter’s civic involvement speaks to his sincere commitment to contributing value for the betterment of the world around him as the current President of the Wisconsin Professional Employees Council state employee union (AFT Local 4848) and Treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers—Wisconsin, and as president of the Capitol View Neighborhood Association; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., expresses its appreciation to Jeffrey J. Richter for his invaluable expertise, dedication, and vision to the citizens of Wisconsin, members of NARUC, and America’s utility service consumers.

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