Resolution Honoring Commissioner John R. Rosales

Whereas John R. Rosales served as a Commissioner for the Illinois Commerce Commission (‘‘ICC’’) for four years, from March 16, 2015 to March 28, 2019;

Whereas John R. Rosales was a critical leader at the ICC on a number of significant initiatives, including the ICC’s embrace of innovation and utility of the future study entitled NextGrid, creation of a Cyber Security and Risk Management Office, and creation of an Office of Supplier Diversity and Community Relations;

Whereas at both a state and national level, John R. Rosales has been influential in advancing supplier diversity awareness and improvements, including a heightened consistency among Illinois utilities in expanded reporting and spend;

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales was an active and engaged member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (‘‘NARUC’’);

Whereas John R. Rosales was appointed to the NARUC Board of Directors in January, 2018, and served as such until the end of his term at the ICC;

Whereas at NARUC, John R. Rosales served as Vice-Chair of the Electricity Committee for several years, and was a member of the Task Force on Transportation;

Whereas John R. Rosales served as President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (‘‘MARC’’) 2017 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, leading a team of several dozen staff and volunteers to organize one of the most successful annual meetings in MARC history, with over 600 registered attendees and more than 75 speakers and panelists from across the MARC region;

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (‘‘OPSI’’), and, after being voted president of OPSI for 2018, instilled heightened goals of consensus among OPSI members and of open communication between OPSI and PJM Interconnection, LLC (‘‘PJM’’);

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales served as Vice-Chair of the Independent State Agencies Committee (‘‘ISAC’’);

Whereas John R. Rosales served as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Regulatory Research Institute (‘‘NRRI’’) from 2015 to 2016;

Whereas prior to his appointment to the ICC, John R. Rosales was the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago and was later promoted to Vice President of Coca-Cola Enterprises, overseeing more than 200 employees and profit/loss responsibility for a $400 million business;

Whereas John R. Rosales is also a former Director for the Olive-Harvey College South Chicago Learning Center, where he managed the satellite campus located on Chicago’s southeast side and was responsible for the overall operation of the campus, community outreach, and enrollment;
Whereas from 2011 until his appointment to the ICC, John R. Rosales served as a Commissioner for the Cook County (IL) Merit Board where he was responsible for adjudicating cases of employee discipline within the Cook County Sheriff’s Department;

Whereas John R. Rosales was a former member of the Board of Directors for Metropolitan Bank;

Whereas John R. Rosales is a lifelong resident of Chicago, earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University, is an Illinois Literacy Foundation Board Member, and a member of the Azteca Lions Club;

Whereas some of John R. Rosales’ interests and hobbies include music and playing basketball, as he was formerly a DJ at Northwestern University and played semi-professional basketball for several years across the country;

Whereas John R. Rosales is happily married to Vasiliki Rosales and has one daughter recently graduated from the University of Michigan;

Whereas John R. Rosales has developed a decorated history of community organization, as a youth in Chicago through his time as a Commissioner at the ICC, and should be recognized for his ability to bring people together and rally toward a common goal;

Whereas John R. Rosales has a proven passion for developing the skillsets for those that worked alongside him throughout his career; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana, extends its deepest thanks, sincere appreciation, and gratitude to Commissioner Emeritus John R. Rosales for his service to the national regulatory community.

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