

Resolution on the NARUC-FERC Collaborative Study of Model State and Utility Practices for Competitive Procurement of Retail Electric Supply

WHEREAS, Appropriate electric utility procurement of new power supplies is central to the provision of secure, reliable, and reasonably priced electric service to end use customers; *and*

WHEREAS, States are endowed with different physical and demographic features, creating constraints on and opportunities for the fulfillment of electric needs and the procurement of new resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Multiple industry structures, market designs, transmission system reliability requirements, and regulatory paradigms exist across the country so that a singular approach to competitive procurement of retail electric supply is impractical; *and*

WHEREAS, The NARUC-FERC Competitive Procurement Collaborative commissioned a Study to look at best practices across the country for the procurement of retail electric power supplies; *and*

WHEREAS, FERC Commissioner Marc Spitzer served as chair and NARUC Commissioners Stan Wise and Jeff Hatch-Miller served as co-chairs of the study; *and*

WHEREAS, The Study has identified specific recommendations in its 2008 report “Model State and Utility Practices for Competitive Procurement of Retail Electric Supply;” *and*

WHEREAS, The Study’s recommendations encourage the use of best practices for procurement of future retail electric supplies by State commissions and electric utilities across the nation; *and*

WHEREAS, These best practices could be adopted by State utility commissions or retail electric companies thereby leading to successful procurement of cost-effective future electric supplies; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., urges State public utility commissions to consider implementing the Study’s recommendations, where appropriate for the type of industry structure, market design, and regulatory paradigm in which their utility companies operate.

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