

Resolution Honoring Carl Johnson

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson worked for the New York Department of Public Service for 28 years; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl used his technical and analytical skills as a liaison for federal telecommunications policy matters to the New York Public Service Commission in its relations with the Federal Communications Commission and Congress; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl consistently provided well-reasoned and knowledgeable advice to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee, and thereby it became clearly evident that no one cared more deeply about or fought harder for what they believed to be proper policies for their State or nation; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl earned the respect of all who met him through his attention to detail and tireless advocacy which accrued to the benefit of not only the New York Public Service Commission, but also to the benefit of NARUC, its Telecommunications Committee and Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee, and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, but also to the lasting benefit of the broader public in New York, and nationally; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl was a self-proclaimed curmudgeon who was truly a reserved and soft-spoken man who garnered the respect, admiration, and high esteem of both his peers and his superiors through his intelligence, reasonableness, self-deprecating humor and dry wit--often convincing his colleagues and the industry to support his positions; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl's table tent spent more time in the vertical position than it did horizontal forcing all the new Subcommittee members to read his name on edge in order to figure out who this man was that was tearing apart their "carefully crafted" resolution; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl often joked that he played the role of "Mr. Meanie" on the Subcommittee, and he actually was a member of an elite group of staff members who have received the infamous jocular "Tiny Hateful Dog Award," but in truth Carl was a kind and gentle soul who was much respected and loved by all his associates; *and*

WHEREAS, Carl's passing leaves a deep sadness and an aching sense of loss that only sharing with others that knew him will assuage; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2008 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., expresses regret at the passing of Carl Johnson, a long-standing, productive, esteemed and much-beloved member of the NARUC Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee and staff member of the Federal-State Joint board on Universal Service and offers its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Carl; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee hereby renames the “Curmudgeon Award” to the “Carl Johnson Curmudgeon Award,” as there will never be another curmudgeon as respected and admired in the highest esteem as Carl; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC’s General Counsel send a copy of this resolution to Carl’s closest surviving relatives.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
Adopted by the Board of Directors February 20, 2008