

Resolution Re-Affirming NARUC's Fundamental "Principles to Guide the Restructuring of the Electric Industry"

WHEREAS, The issues involved in the restructuring of the American electric industry are of vital importance to the citizens of our nation and are under active consideration in pending Federal legislation; *and*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, (NARUC) has consistently recommended certain "Principles to Guide the Restructuring of the Electric Industry" as originally adopted on July 25, 1996, and incorporated in numerous subsequent resolutions, to ensure that this restructuring best serves energy consumers, energy providers, our national economy, and the public good; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC has most recently set forth those principles in testimony presented to the United States Congress on October 5, 1999; *and*

WHEREAS, A re-affirmation of the most fundamental elements of those principles may be of assistance to the United States Congress in its consideration of potential legislation; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, assembled at its 111th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, hereby re-affirms its recommendation that the Federal Congress be guided by the following fundamental principles as it considers policies to govern the organization and operation of America's electric utility industry:

- The safety, reliability, quality and sustainability of services must be maintained or improved;
- All consumers must share the benefits of structural improvements and be protected from anti- competitive behavior, undue discrimination, poor service and unfair service practices;
- Public benefit programs must be maintained, including those that support energy efficiency, renewables technologies, research and development, universal service and low-income assistance; and
- States and State commissions must be afforded the flexibility to determine retail electric policies, including the content and pace of restructuring programs and retail stranded cost determinations.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Electricity and Energy Resources and the Environment
Recommended by the Board of Directors
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