

***Resolution Honoring Commissioner Connie Hughes***

**WHEREAS**, Connie Hughes was appointed to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on July 16, 2001; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes served as Acting President from July 16, 2001 through October 3, 2001, and as President until January 15, 2002; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes was a Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Telecommunications Committee, former Chair, and then member of its Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure, its Washington Action Committee, its International Relations Committee, its Broadband Over Power Line Task Force, its Federal Legislative Task Force, and Chaired its E911 Task Force; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes served as NARUC's designee to the USDOT ES911 Task Force and NARUC's nominee to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services; *and*

**WHEREAS**, In addition, Commissioner Hughes chaired the affiliate organization- Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners - a member of the Consumer Energy Council of America Transmission Forum, and served on the Advisory Board of the Council of Competitiveness; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Before joining the New Jersey BPU, Commissioner Hughes was the Acting Governors' Chief of Management and Policy responsible for policy development and implementation across all State agencies; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes also served as the ex-officio Commissioner of Higher Education, served as a member of the NJ State Planning Commission, N.J. Commission on Science and Technology, NJ Commission on Environment Education, and N.J. State Board of Human Services; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Before joining the Acting Governor's Cabinet, Commissioner Hughes was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes has conducted research at the Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University and was a former high school mathematics teacher in Elizabeth, New Jersey; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Hughes has co-authored three books and authored over 30 articles on demographic and economic issues, including, "Anticipating Census 2000: New Jersey's Emerging Demographic Profile," which she co-authored with her husband; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Her resignation from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities means NARUC will lose one of its most level-headed, personable, dedicated and hard-working members; *and*

**WHEREAS,** There are commissioners you like, there are commissioners you respect and there are commissioners you can count on, Commissioner Hughes was all three; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its July 2007 Summer Meeting in New York, New York, extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Hughes for her outstanding public service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications*

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