

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Denise Bode of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, Commissioner Denise Bode was appointed to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission on August 20, 1997, by Governor Frank Keating, was reappointed in 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, In her nine years of public service to the people of the State of Oklahoma as a Commissioner, Commissioner Bode was involved in the restructuring of the telecommunications, natural gas and electricity industry markets, chairing the hearings which developed alternative regulation of telecommunications, that resulted in the expansion of high speed internet access across the State and discounts to encourage competition; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bode worked to streamline the Commission process for those in the oil and gas industry and royalty owners to ensure the proper and critical production of Oklahoma's oil and natural resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bode had a key role in the area of security, having been appointed to both national and State positions involving leadership in the planning for protection of our critical infrastructure and essential services against terrorism, including a stint as Chair of the Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure for the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bode also played a crucial role on the national scene serving as Chairman of the National Association Of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Foundation, as member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Consumer Affairs and Telecommunications, as a dedicated representative to the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Before joining the Commission, Commissioner Bode served for seven years as president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in Washington, D.C., and before that, as a founding partner of a Washington, D.C. firm, where she represented a broad range of business, ranging from agriculture to life insurance; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bode is considered one of the leading experts on national energy policy and infrastructure matters, having been appointed to President George W. Bush's Energy Transition Advisory Team and testifying before Congress on numerous occasions; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bode holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma, earned a Juris Doctor from George Mason University and a Master's of Law in taxation from Georgetown University;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its July 2007 Summer Meetings in New

York, New York, extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Denise Bode for her outstanding public service and conveys to her its best wishes for all her future endeavors.

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