

Resolution Regarding ARMIS

WHEREAS, *The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on September 17, 1987, released a Report and Order for the purpose of establishing an automated system for collecting, in a logical and consistent manner, financial and operating data required by the FCC to administer its accounting, joint cost, jurisdictional separations, rate base disallowance, and access charge rules; and*

WHEREAS, *The automated system is intended to facilitate the timely and efficient analysis of revenue requirements and rates of return, to provide an improved basis for audit and other oversight functions, and to enhance the FCC's ability to quantify the effects of alternative policy proposals; and*

WHEREAS, *The reporting requirements as set forth in the report and order are extensive and comprehensive; and*

WHEREAS, *The NARUC in July 1988, July 1989 and November 1989 passed resolutions supporting the joint use of ARMIS by the FCC and state commissions; and*

WHEREAS, *The ARMIS report is one of the safeguards established by the FCC to monitor the accounting separations of regulated and non-regulated joint costs; and*

WHEREAS, *The ARMIS report is promoted as being the tool by which the FCC will monitor jurisdictional shifts between State and interstate for companies choosing the price cap form of regulation in the interstate jurisdiction; and*

WHEREAS, *A number of companies requested confidentiality of their financial information reported in the ARMIS program for 1989 and will probably do so again in 1990; and*

WHEREAS, *The NARUC petitioned the FCC under a Freedom of Information Act Request for the ARMIS information in 1989; and*

WHEREAS, *The FCC Common Carrier Bureau, on November 7, 1989, issued a decision granting in part and denying in part the NARUC request; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), assembled at its 1990 Winter Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C., directs the NARUC General Counsel to annually petition the FCC under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the companies' filed data that will be received by the FCC in 1990 and each year thereafter when appropriate; and be it further*

RESOLVED, *That the FCC and State commissions work jointly to review and publish a annual summary of the ARMIS information through the Joint Board Monitoring Report mechanism.*