

*Resolution of NARUC to Encourage State Commissions to Participate in Blue Pages*

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners supports the exchange of information on commission organization, processes and policies among its members; *and*

WHEREAS, Through 1996, NARUC annually published two hard-copy volumes, informally called the “Blue Books” and formally *Profiles of Regulatory Agencies*, which documented their organization, and *Utility and Carrier Regulation*, which detailed multiple aspects of regulatory oversight; *and*

WHEREAS, Since 1996 demand has continued to be strong among regulators and the public for consistent, reliable, up-to-date information on the commissions themselves, with both NARUC and the NRRI receiving numerous requests for current information; *and*

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute, NARUC’s research arm, tasked the NRRI with developing a limited replacement for the Blue Books by June 2004, concentrating on commission organization rather than substantive regulatory issues; *and*

WHEREAS, The NRRI has developed and tested custom software to host *Blue Pages*, an electronic version of the Blue Books; *and*

WHEREAS, Through conference calls, e-mail communications and consultation with the Staff Subcommittee on Executive Management, the NRRI has winnowed the information to be included in the *Blue Pages* to that which commissions consider the most valuable to them; resulting in a proposed data base that includes about a third of the information in *Profiles of Regulatory Agencies*, the smaller of the two original volumes of the Blue Books, and none of the data from the second and larger Blue Book; *and*

WHEREAS, *Blue Pages* gives built-in recognition to the commissions and authors who contribute to it; *and*

WHEREAS, The NRRI demonstrated the feasibility of the new, electronic *Blue Pages* in February 2004 and one commission has already submitted the requested information; *and*

WHEREAS, The more commissions contribute information to the *Blue Pages*, the more it will become a useful repository of important information; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its March 2004 Winter Meetings in Washington D.C., supports the development and continuing maintenance of *Blue Pages* by the NRRI and encourages every regulatory commission to contribute to this valuable data base.

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*Sponsored by the Executive Committee.*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors March 10, 2004.*