

Resolution Honoring Joe Cusick

WHEREAS, Joe Cusick, faithful, charismatic and long-time representative of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, has cheerfully reigned as the man in charge of that subcommittee since February 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe has been willing to lead controversial efforts to develop the paradox of sensible NARUC policies (which is an oxymoron in itself), while reining in multiple noted characters of the Staff Subcommittee to accomplish such efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe has greatly advanced "linguistics" to breath-taking levels, earning nicknames amongst staff as "The Dictionary" and "Mr. Thesaurus," not allowing poor grammar to infiltrate a single resolution; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe has led the Staff Subcommittee to produce clear and insightful resolutions, insuring the ridiculous and sublime were disposed of in a timely erudite fashion; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe's ability to keep things light and moving, insured that Staff Subcommittee members were always punctual for the evening's entertainment, never being one to advocate passing up a good time; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe just decided he had finally run out of minutes to give all those annoying industry folks constantly tapping on his shoulder and asking "Hey Joe, got a minute?"; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe's innate ability to fly into a new town and immediately locate nearby Irish bars has oft-benefitted Telecommunications Subcommittee Staff discussions on difficult and divisive issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Now that Joe has gotten back his voice, he wishes to take full advantage of it by sitting on the other side of the table to snipe at others for a change before heading into the sunset; *and*

WHEREAS, Having already nearly lost his mind during his long tenure as leader of this committee, Joe wishes to retire before he also loses his youthful vigor and boyish good looks; *and*

WHEREAS, Joe is hanging it up because he has finally figured out that no matter where the NARUC meets, every Irish bar in every city looks pretty much the same after a few pints of Guinness, so he might just as well drink in the comfort of his new home; *and*

WHEREAS, After leading the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications for many years, Joe has realized that the patrons in his old coffee shop really did know what they were talking about regarding government ineptitude; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications express their sincere appreciation for Joe Cusick's hard work, thoughtful leadership and dedication in his service as a subcommittee member and then as the man always in charge; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2008 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its gratitude and appreciation for his years of service to the NARUC.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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