

Resolution Honoring Former Wisconsin Commissioner Eric Callisto

WHEREAS, Eric Callisto has completed his terms as Commissioner of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and as Chair of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on International Relations; *and*

WHEREAS, Eric Callisto was named to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in 2008 and served with distinction for seven years, including nearly three years as chair of the Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto has been active in a broad range of NARUC activities, including service on the Board of Directors, Committee on Electricity, the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and the NARUC-FERC Sunday Morning Collaborative; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto has also served on the executive committee of the Organization of MISO States, co-chair of the Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative, and on the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council; *and*

WHEREAS, While serving as president of the Organization of MISO States, Commissioner Callisto consistently and energetically represented the interests of Wisconsin and other MISO states, particularly before national regulatory bodies; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto has consistently advocated for cooperation between State and federal regulators and between regulators and jurisdictional utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, All his other commitments notwithstanding, Commissioner Callisto has served the Committee on International Relations with great dedication and distinction, serving as Co-Vice Chairman from March 2011 through January 2014, and as Chairman from February 2014 through March 2015; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto has been a strong supporter of NARUC's Terry Barnich Award for promotion of international cooperation and dialogue among utility regulators, and initiated efforts that clarified the eligibility criteria for the award; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto was a long-standing and enthusiastic supporter of NARUC's international programs, particularly the Black Sea Regulatory Initiative, which he supported without missing a single project meeting between 2012 and 2015, thereby improving greatly the quality of regulation in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Turkey; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto was a dedicated member of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators' (ICER) Virtual Working Group on Best Regulatory Practices and contributed to the greater sharing of knowledge by serving as a reviewer of dozens of articles submitted to the ICER Chronicle and Distinguished Scholar Award; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto bridged wide social, political, and geographic divides by bringing a unique cultural sensitivity to NARUC’s international programs, such as quoting rapper Eminem, “The FCC won’t let me be or let me be me,” when discussing rate design with foreign regulators, an approach that helped build relationships and facilitate meaningful dialogue; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto is a great friend to his colleagues and a wonderful companion, especially when sharing his Philly “wit and charm”; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callisto’s love of world travel includes the occasional teargas laced experience, and side trips to exotic locals like Lviv and Turkmenistan to purchase an odd rug, or whatever...; now, *therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2015 Summer Meetings in New York City, New York, extends its gratitude to Commissioner Callisto for his leadership of NARUC’s Committee on International Relations and for his efforts to develop closer ties between utility regulators around the globe, and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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And the Committee on Electricity

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors July __, 2015