

Resolution Honoring Greg R. White

WHEREAS, Commissioner Greg R. White earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Development from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Administration from Grand Valley State University; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner White recognized in himself a deep passion for energy policy and, upon graduation from Michigan State University, began an extensive 32-year career in public service, spending the last 30 years at his home away from home, the Michigan Public Service Commission MPSC, before retiring in July 2015; *and*

WHEREAS, Greg, from the day he started at the Michigan Commission as a policy analyst, was recognized as a key staffer with an uncanny knack for quickly grasping complex energy policy issues at the State and federal level. This skill set served him well during the 5-year period he served various Michigan Commissioners as their Executive Advisor, when he was tasked with explaining issues in a manner that “even a Commissioner” could understand; *and*

WHEREAS, In 1995, Greg began his “career” at NARUC, serving as a valued member of the Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal. His work ethic and leadership skills in this role were so valued that in 1999, he was appointed as Chair of the Staff Subcommittee, a position he maintained through 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal helped to shepherd several resolutions through the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal, all of which sought to remind the Department of Energy, Congress and the President of the United States of the national policy forged in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1984, which required a permanent geologic storage repository for high-level nuclear waste; *and*

WHEREAS, During 2006-2008, when the Michigan Legislature was developing sweeping energy reforms with a largely freshman staff, Greg represented the Commission as its legislative liaison and spent hours with key legislators, distilling “how we got here” history into digestible sections in order to aid the Legislature to determine “where we go from here”; *and*

WHEREAS, Greg is known for his kind and respectful demeanor to all those with whom he comes in contact, in addition to his ability to work collegially with people of all political and ideological persuasions. In fact, in a rare display of bipartisan cooperation that is unheard of in this and the last century, Greg received a resolution signed by every member of the Michigan House and Senate expressing gratitude for his service to the state of Michigan in his role as legislative liaison to the MPSC; *and*

WHEREAS, then-Governor Granholm recognized Greg’s public policy acumen and in 2010 appointed him to serve a 6-year term as Commissioner of the mpsc; *and*

WHEREAS, As a Commissioner, Greg White continued his passion for tackling the never-ending list of nuclear waste disposal issues, and was appointed by NARUC President Phil Jones to serve as Chair of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues – Nuclear Waste; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Greg White almost single-handedly (with help from NARUC General Counsel Brad Ramsay) manhandled litigation through the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the purpose of which was to force the hand of the Department of Energy into either (1) finishing the permanent nuclear waste depository development program, or (2) ceasing the charging of consumers and reactor owners for the cost of the depository development program; *and*

WHEREAS, The D.C. Circuit Court agreed with the Honorable Greg White and ordered the U.S. Department of Energy to submit to Congress a proposal to change the Nuclear Waste Fund fee to zero until such time as either the Secretary chooses to comply with the [Nuclear Waste Policy] Act as it is currently written, or until Congress enacts an alternative waste management plan. See, *Nat'l Ass'n of Regulatory Util. Comm'rs v. DOE*, Nos. 11-1066, 11-1068, 2013 WL 6064021, at *2, *3 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 19, 2013); *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner White has been around the nuclear waste issues for so long that he positively glows; *and*

WHEREAS, In the alternative, it is entirely possible that Commissioner White's "glow" is due to his propitious recent marriage to the lovely and talented Junru; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 127th Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, extends to the Honorable Greg White of Michigan its sincere thanks and appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Michigan; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Commissioner White and Junru the best of luck and continued success in their future endeavors.

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