

Resolution Honoring Lorraine Kenyon

WHEREAS, Ms. Lorraine Kenyon is stepping down from her position as NARUC Staff Telecom Committee member, having held this position since 1986; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon is stepping down from her position as Staff Chair and member of the Federal State Joint Board on Separations, having served as a member of the Committee since 1996; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon has been a dedicated member of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service from 1997 to 2011; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon served the state of Alaska as Staff Chair and Member of the Federal State Joint Board on Alaska from 1986 into the 1990's; *and*

WHEREAS, In serving on those Boards, Ms. Kenyon supported several Commissioners, including Susan Knowles, and Nan Thompson, who acknowledge and greatly appreciate that Lori was the brains behind the operation; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms Kenyon educated Outside regulators about Alaska's extreme climate, terrain, demographics and size; pointing out among other things that Alaska is more than twice the size of the next largest state (Texas), most communities have no roads and are only accessible in winter by small plane or dog team, and is the only state with Polar bears; *and*

WHEREAS, Using the currently trendy analogy of telecommunications as an ecosystem, Lori was able to persuade lower 48 policy makers to think twice before assuming that all bears go to the woods to do their business; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon is retiring from her position as the Communications Common Carrier Specialist IV, the chief of the Common Carrier Section of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) a position she has held since 2002; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon has served the public for 30 years as dedicated Staff of the RCA from 1999 to 2011 and similarly served its predecessor agency, the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, from April 1982 to 1999; *and*

WHEREAS, During her long years as a regulator in Alaska she survived the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the sunset of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, and many years of active participation as staff to the NARUC Telecommunications Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon's work ethic, dedication, and knowledge of the subject matters important to telecommunications in the State of Alaska have earned the respect of all persons she has worked with, particularly the Commissioners and Staff of the RCA; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon's patience, extensive knowledge, open door policy, and to some extent, red pen, made her the consummate boss who shaped RCA Common Carrier Staff's analytical skills to make them the best they could be; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon's eternal faith in the potential for the Orchids in her office to bloom, despite the challenges inherent to Alaskan gardening such as midnight sun, polar night, and the occasionally intemperate climate; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon's perennial good nature masked the fact that she carried a workload equivalent to that of 5 analysts, for which the RCA has not the office space to house replacements, and thus her retirement leaves a gap that cannot easily be filled; *and*

WHEREAS, The Regulatory Commission of Alaska, in drafting an order denying, on public interest grounds, Ms Kenyon's application to retire was found by Ms Kenyon to have exceeded its authority; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Summer Committee Meetings in Los Angeles, California, declares that NARUC, ratepayers, and all utility sectors have benefitted greatly from the dedication and public service of Ms. Lorraine Kenyon and extends to her its sincere thanks and gratitude for her many years of distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Alaska.

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