

Resolution Acknowledging Successful Completion of NARUC's July 18, 2007 Resolution Task Authorizing Development of, "Reliable Research Regarding the Social, Economic and Environmental Effects of Maintaining Domestic Energy Exploration and Production Moratoria On and Beneath Federal Lands"

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) adopted a Committee on Gas sponsored resolution on July 18, 2007, entitled, "*Developing Reliable Research Regarding the Social, Economic and Environmental Effects of Maintaining Domestic Energy Exploration and Production Moratoria On and Beneath Federal Lands;*" and

WHEREAS, The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) adopted Resolution 07.095 supporting NARUC's moratoria research resolution; and

WHEREAS, NARUC's resolution ordered: "That NARUC designates reasonable staff support and up to \$50,000—together with whatever funds might be committed by its regional associations and other government, consumer, public policy, business and industry organizations—to be made available to a NARUC or other coordinating study group, as determined appropriate and responsive to the spirit of this Resolution by NARUC's President;" and

WHEREAS, NARUC's President recruited the Chairman of the Committee on Gas to serve as Chairman of a Moratoria Study Group and authorized staff support and funding pursuant to the resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Study Group proceeded, under NARUC leadership, to recruit a wide array of "Official Observer" economists from federal agencies, universities and the private sector; NARUC and IOGCC commissioners and commissioners emeritus; along with financial supporters and representatives of non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Study Group created and issued a request for proposals (RFP) and chose Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to perform the independent research project using the National Energy Modeling System methodology (NEMS-NARUC) in response to the guidelines set forth in NARUC's resolution; and

WHEREAS, SAIC assigned the Gas Technology Institute as a subcontractor to assist with performing the research required by the RFP; and

WHEREAS, The Study Group convened over FIFTY teleconference and personal coordinating meetings with Study Group participants over the term of the project and accepted SAIC's final draft by early February 2010 and provided regular status reports to NARUC's Committee on Gas; and

WHEREAS, The Study Group is providing the general public along with NARUC's Board of Directors and Committee on Gas with copies of the final research product findings on February 15, 2010, in conjunction with NARUC's Winter Meetings in Washington D.C.; now, *therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2010 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., upon recommendation of the Committee on Gas, accepts the research product in response to the July 18, 2007, Resolution; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors commends the Moratoria Study Group, NARUC Staff, SAIC and GTI for their combined efforts to fulfill the task set forth by the July 18, 2007, Resolution; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors encourages broad distribution of the study results as specified in our original July 18, 2007 Resolution.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 17, 2010