

Honorary Resolutions Passed by the NARUC Board of Directors

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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Ron Allen of Utah

Whereas Ron Allen was a dedicated public servant to the State of Utah for twenty years;

Whereas Ron Allen was last appointed to the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) by Governor Gary R. Herbert on June 23, 2020;

Whereas Ron Allen was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where he served on the NARUC Committee on Gas;

Whereas Ron Allen was also a member of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners;

Whereas Ron Allen previously served on the Commission from 2005-2015, serving as Chair from January 1, 2013 through March 2015;

Whereas prior to his first term at the Commission, Ron Allen served as a State Senator acting as Minority Whip and on the Executive Appropriations and Executive Management Committees;

Whereas as State Senator Ron Allen served on the National Conference of State Legislatures, where he was a member of the Energy and Electric Utilities Committee;

Whereas prior to his service on the Commission Ron Allen used his 10 years of management experience with a fortune 100 firm to own and operate a successful accounting and technology consulting firm for 15 years;

Whereas Ron Allen was also a proud veteran of the US Army where he served as a Military Police Investigator in Germany;

Whereas Ron Allen was also involved in community activities including serving with the Utah Tax Review Commission, Utah State Privatization Review Board, Salt Lake Acting Company Board of Trustees, and Utah Museum of Fine Arts Board of Directors.

Whereas Ron Allen earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Arts in Art History from the University of Utah;

Whereas Ron Allen taught art classes in college and was known for being an art enthusiast; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Ron Allen on his tenure at the Public Service Commission of Utah and offers best wishes for happiness and success in retirement.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Bob Gordon

Whereas Bob Gordon has been a dedicated public servant to the State of New Jersey for more than 40 years, including 6 years as Commissioner on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU);

Whereas Bob Gordon began his career in public service as an analyst in the Congressional Budget Office;

Whereas Bob Gordon served as an aide to New Jersey Governor Jim Florio and spent ten years as Mayor and Council Member of the Borough of Fair Lawn;

Whereas Bob Gordon spent more than 14 years in the New Jersey Legislature, serving in the General Assembly for four years and the Senate for ten;

Whereas in the New Jersey Senate Bob Gordon served on the Legislative Oversight Committee (Chair), the Transportation Committee (Vice-Chair), and the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee;

Whereas Bob Gordon was nominated to serve as a Commissioner of the NJBPU by Governor Philip D. Murphy on April 5, 2018, and was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on April 12, 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Gordon has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), having served as a member of the Critical Infrastructure Committee and on the Committee on Electricity;

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit congratulates Commissioner Bob Gordon on his retirement from the State of New Jersey and for his tenure at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and offers best wishes for happiness and success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel

Whereas D. Ethan Kimbrel has been a dedicated public servant to the state of Illinois for more than fourteen years, including five years as a commissioner and ten years as a Commission Administrative Law Judge, including nearly three years as the Commission’s Chief Administrative Law Judge;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel served as a commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission for five years, being appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner in 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel has been an active member of the Committee on Gas and the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, was appointed to serve as co-vice Chair of the Committee on Gas in 2020 by NARUC President Brandon Presley, and was then appointed as Chair of the Committee on Gas by NARUC President Paul Kjellander in December of 2020;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel served on NARUC’s Board of Directors;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel participated as a member of the U.S. Department of Energy-NARUC Natural Gas Partnership, the NARUC-National Association of State Energy Officials Microgrids State Working Group, and on the NARUC Committee on International Relations;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel served on the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI), as a member of OPSI’s Market Monitoring Advisory Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Independent State Agencies Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel served, in no particular order, as a member of the National Petroleum Council, the GTI Energy Public Interest Advisory Committee; the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council at New Mexico State University; and the Board of Advisors for the Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies at Illinois State University;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel is a graduate of the George Washington School of Law and the University of Chicago;

Whereas Commissioner Kimbrel is known for his expertise, professionalism, friendly demeanor, humility, and his commitment to public service; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit om Austin, Texas, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus D. Ethan Kimbrel on his tenure at the Illinois Commerce Commission, thanks him for his leadership and collegiality, and expresses best wishes for his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Richard W. Lozier Jr.

Whereas, the long and distinguished career of Richard W. Lozier Jr. will come to a close on April 30, 2023, when he completes his term as a member of the Iowa Utilities Board;

Whereas, Lozier was appointed to the Iowa Utilities Board and began his service to the people of Iowa on May 1, 2017, faithfully executing the duties of the six-year appointment;

Whereas, prior to his appointment, Iowa Utilities Board member Lozier built a distinguished career in the public and private sector, which included service as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the practice of law in Iowa;

Whereas, Lozier's practice of law involved regulated utilities, including telecommunications, wind energy development, electric transmission, water, and gas and oil pipelines, and his contributions to the legal profession are respected by the bench and bar alike, including those with whom he practiced and mentored at the Des Moines law firms of Grant, Lozier & Sarcone, and Belin McCormick;

Whereas, Iowa Utilities Board member Lozier was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and served on the Committee on Electricity and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment;

Whereas, Iowa Utilities Board member Lozier was actively involved in the Organization of MISO States (OMS), contributing his expertise as the Return on Equity Liaison;

Whereas, Iowa Utilities Board member Lozier is on the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute (FRI) and a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC);

Whereas, against the backdrop of extraordinary events such as a global pandemic, statewide derecho and polar vortex, Iowa Utilities Board member Lozier's professional demeanor, thoughtful decision-making, elegant writing style, intellect, kindness, and sense of humor proved critical to weathering some of the most complex and turbulent times in recent history; *and*

Whereas, this resolution is presented to Iowa Utilities Board member Richard Lozier, to serve as a reminder that although he is retiring, he will always be remembered as a diligent and treasured public servant who dedicated his entire term to the pursuit of just and reasonable resolutions to the issues presented; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit in Austin, Texas, extend their gratitude to Board Member Richard Lozier for his service to NARUC, the State of Iowa, and the citizens of the United States and their best wishes to Mr. Lozier in his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 19, 2023*

***Honorary Resolution for Michelle Rosier of
The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission***

Whereas Michelle Rosier has now ended her service following a distinguished and dedicated tenure in support of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission's ("NARUC") Committee on Electricity and Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity in multiple capacities on multiple issues;

Whereas Michelle Rosier could wrangle a stampede of emails and conversation points to draft the most thorough agendas;

Whereas Michelle Rosier could be counted on to take the most meticulous and concise notes during leadership calls and full committee calls;

Whereas Michelle Rosier offered insights and thoughtful feedback and support to the Committee on Electricity during its meetings;

Whereas Michelle Rosier possesses an attention to detail and an understanding of emergent issues in the energy space which allowed her to organize the most thoughtful staff subcommittee on electricity webinars, panels, and site tours;

Whereas Michelle Rosier has committed to memory the most intricate of procedural nuances and has served as a guide on new and puzzling matters before the Committee and the MN PUC;

Whereas Michelle Rosier has devoted considerable time crowdsourcing and Instagram-scrolling to amass the most complete listing of vegan food offerings from restaurants surrounding the epicenter of any NARUC policy summit and can be counted on to share plant-forward recommendations with her colleagues;

Whereas Michelle Rosier has an unparalleled ability to send memes that are appropriate for any situation;

Whereas Michelle Rosier fearlessly takes on large, complex, and potentially daunting projects. Her knowledge base on all aspects of interconnections is impressive and continues to grow. In her first moments at the MN PUC she leapt head-on into a mammoth interconnection project in a true act of service to the Minnesota Commission and all Minnesotans;

Whereas Michelle Rosier has an encyclopedic knowledge of the MN DIP and MN DIA and can reference individual sections without need to refer to the source documentation;

Whereas having earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy from Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, and a Master of Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School in Cambridge, MA, with a focus on Environment and Natural Resources and Regulatory and Industry Analysis;

Whereas Michelle Rosier has served NARUC with high intelligence, honor, and integrity, *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit in Austin, TX, recognizes, commends, and thanks Michelle Rosier for her fearless, exhaustive, and principled efforts to protect the public interest in general, and Minnesota in particular, during her influential tenure as Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity, particularly her spirited defense of the interests of rate payers and the environment in all things electricity, and extends its respect and best wishes to her, her husband, and their incredibly intelligent cats.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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Honorary Resolution for Chair Matthew Nelson

Whereas Matthew Nelson has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Massachusetts for over 15 years with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MDPU);

Whereas Chair Nelson has served as the chair of the MDPU from 2019 through 2023, being appointed by Governor Charlie Baker, after serving as the Director of Electric Power at MDPU since 2016, overseeing Massachusetts' implementation of grid modernization plans and the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure pilots.

Whereas Chair Nelson has been an active member of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners (NECPUC), including as President, where Chair Nelson worked with regional commissioners and stakeholders to craft the 2020 New England States' Vision for a Clean, Affordable, and Reliable 21st Century Regional Electric Grid filed with ISO-NE;

Whereas Chair Nelson participated in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Committee on Electricity, where Chair Nelson worked on electric vehicle rates and interconnection;

Whereas Chair Nelson served as vocal advocate on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission starting in 2021 through 2023;

Whereas Chair Nelson served on the Joint Nominating Committee for selecting members of the ISO-NE Governance Board;

Whereas Chair Nelson worked for four years at the NSTAR Electric Company to help the MassSave® program become the nation-leading energy efficiency program;

Whereas Chair Nelson earned a B.A. in Economics and Mathematics from Stonehill College and Masters in Economics from Tuft University;

Whereas being known for his knowledge, leadership, and ability to work with all constituencies, Chair Nelson earned the respect of commission staff, federal, state, and local officials, as well as industry and consumer advocates;

Whereas Chair Nelson's hard work, pragmatism, and desire to understand all sides of an issue ensured thoughtful, balanced decisions that helped advance the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' energy and climate policies;

Whereas Chair Nelson's sense of humor and a quick wit, served him well in his leadership within MDPU, and which helped in addressing and successfully moving forward difficult issues and matters, particularly throughout the challenges of COVID-19 and office building upheaval, known affectionally as the "MDPU Great Flood";

Whereas Chair Nelson's willingness to serve, caring nature, and commitment to public service will be remembered by the many individuals who had the privilege to call him a colleague; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit, congratulates Chair Matthew Nelson on his tenure at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and offers best wishes for happiness and success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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***Honorary Resolution for Sarah Ross of
The Ohio Public Utilities Commission***

Whereas Sarah Ross has now ended her service following a distinguished and dedicated tenure in support of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission’s (“NARUC”) Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity in multiple capacities on multiple issues;

Whereas Sarah Ross quickly responded to staff subcommittee requests, offered productive insights, thoughtful feedback, and consistent support to the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity before, during, and after its meetings;

Whereas Sarah Ross possesses an attention to detail and an understanding of emergent issues in the energy space which allowed her to organize the most thoughtful staff subcommittee on electricity webinars, panels, and site tours;

Whereas Sarah Ross exemplifies dedicated public service by performing her duties at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio with steadfast professionalism, compassion, and creativity.

Whereas having earned her Bachelor of Science in Education and Teaching from Miami University, graduating Graduated Cum Laude in May 2013 and named to the Dean's List and a member of Golden Key International Honor Society.

Whereas Sarah Ross has served NARUC with high intelligence, honor, and integrity, *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit in Austin, TX, recognizes, commends, and thanks Sarah Ross for her ongoing support as a Commissioner Chief Aide at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and recent tenure as Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity, and extends its respect and best wishes for her future successes.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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***Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Jason M. Stanek
Former Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission***

Whereas Jason M. Stanek was appointed Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission by Governor Larry Hogan for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2018, and served through the end of his term on June 30, 2023;

Whereas Chairman Stanek led the Maryland Commission with judicious efficiency and pragmatic fair-mindedness to adopt some of the most innovative, policy-forward programs for the State of Maryland;

Whereas Chairman Stanek cultivated a friendly and supportive work atmosphere, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and information sharing, communicating regularly with division directors and employees alike to address staff concerns;

Whereas Chairman Stanek championed ongoing professional development and regularly promoted training opportunities for individual career growth as well as created the Commission's first-ever mentorship program;

Whereas Chairman Stanek was actively involved in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving on NARUC's Committee on Electricity and Committee on International Relations, and was also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC);

Whereas Chairman Stanek was appointed by NARUC President Paul Kjellander to serve on the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission (Joint Task Force), which was formed to expand cooperation between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state commissions, and co-represented the MACRUC states in joint discussions on key transmission reform topics of significant interest and concern to state regulators;

Whereas Chairman Stanek was elected by the NARUC Task Force members to serve as the Vice Chair of the Task Force to coordinate among the NARUC commissioner members in preparation for Joint Task Force meetings and other NARUC-coordinated tasks, and successfully presided jointly with the FERC Chairman over the first six meetings of the Task Force, from November 10, 2021 to February 15, 2023;

Whereas Chairman Stanek served as co-vice chair of the NARUC Commission Chairs' Council from May 2021 to June 2023, and was integral in facilitating dialogue among commission chairs on issues arising from their unique responsibilities as commission leaders and managers;

Whereas Chairman Stanek served as vice chair of the NARUC Electric Vehicle State Working Group from December 2019 to June 2023, taking great joy in facilitating peer information sharing and community building to help advance EV adoption in member states;

Whereas Chairman Stanek has also served as an agency head and member of the Board of Directors for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which is a cooperative effort by 12 states to

cap and reduce CO₂ emissions from the power sector; a member of the Keystone Energy Board, which is comprised of energy sector leaders from industry, technology, consumer advocacy, and state and federal government; a member of the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council; a member of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Advisory Committee; and a member of the Advisory Council for the National EV Charging Network Initiative;

Whereas prior to his appointment to the Maryland Commission, Chairman Stanek served as Senior Counsel to the Energy Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he advised on matters involving national energy policy, with a specific focus on electricity issues and regional power markets;

Whereas Chairman Stanek also held senior positions at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he advised a FERC Chairman and Commissioner during his 16-year tenure;

Whereas Chairman Stanek earned his law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and his bachelor's degree from Tulane University;

Whereas Chairman Stanek will be remembered for his welcoming personality, professionalism, expertise, and ability to see and bring out the best in his staff and colleagues;

Whereas Chairman Stanek has served the Maryland Public Service Commission and NARUC with distinction, honor, and integrity, *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at the 2023 Summer Policy Summit in Austin, Texas, congratulates Jason M. Stanek on his tenure at the Maryland Public Service Commission; thanks him for his tireless dedication to public service, his leadership in promoting collaborative federal-state relationships, and his all-in support of NARUC's mission; and offers only its best wishes for happiness and success in his future endeavors.

Resolution Honoring Illinois Commerce Commission Chair Carrie Zalewski

Whereas Carrie Zalewski was appointed to Chairman the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) by Governor JB Pritzker in 2019;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski helped guide the implementation of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) to improve Illinois' power grid planning, putting the state on the path to meeting its clean energy goals and creating new, equitable employment opportunities along the way;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski led the ICC during the COVID-19 public health emergency and within days put protections in place ensuring that customers sheltering in place would not lose critical electric, natural gas, water, and sewer service.

Whereas Chairman Zalewski directed the creation of the Citizen's Guide to the ICC and helped to educate and inform consumers on topics ranging from utility assistance to tips to follow before hiring a household goods mover;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Organization of MISO States where she advocated for market reform in the capacity market along with fair cost allocation in long-range transmission planning;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Organization of PJM States to support the implementation of FERC Order 2222 to improve the integration of smart grid technologies, distributed energy resources, and demand response in electricity markets as an important way to meet resource adequacy in Illinois;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served as Chair for NARUC's First Chair Council and led various regional conversations on the importance of learning from peers in the energy and regulatory worlds;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski was appointed to the Climate Registry's Council of Jurisdictions, the Advisory Board for the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, the Illinois Cybersecurity Commission, and the Illinois Hydrogen Taskforce;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski served on the Illinois Pollution Control Board for 10 years to help decide complex environmental cases under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and work to properly balance the interests of Illinois businesses and residents while protecting Illinois' land, air, and water.

Whereas Chairman Zalewski was appointed under both Democratic and Republican governors and earned the respect of her peers and stakeholders directly involved in Board decisions;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski earned her Juris Doctor at the Chicago-Kent Law School and her Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

Whereas Chairman Zalewski will be remembered at the ICC, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service; *Whereas* Chairman Zalewski has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Illinois for more than 17 years including over four years of service at the Commission; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Summer Policy Summit, congratulate former ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski on her tenure at the Illinois Commerce Commission, thank her for her leadership and friendship, and wish her the best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Electricity Committee

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