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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Norman J. Saari

Whereas Norman J. Saari served on the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC”) for four years as a Commissioner from August 2, 2015 through July 2, 2019;

Whereas prior to this appointment, Norman Saari served as Chief of Staff for Michigan legislative leaders, as Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for Consumers Energy Company, for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and with honor in the Michigan National Guard;

Whereas Norman Saari, while a Commissioner, was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), serving on the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, and the Washington Action Committee, and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety;

Whereas Norman Saari served with distinction on the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration’s (“PHMSA”) Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee;

Whereas Norman Saari ably represented Michigan on the board of the Organization of PJM States (“OPSI”);

Whereas Commissioner Saari has been a catalyst and committed leader on electric vehicles, shaping and promoting Michigan’s regulatory approach to ensure the great “Auto-State” of Michigan leads in this area of technology and policy innovation and then extending that to a national stage through NARUC;

Whereas Norman Saari was a consistent and relentless advocate for natural gas safety, through improved regulation, infrastructure, operations, and awareness;

Whereas Norman Saari brought decades of knowledge of legislative processes and thoughtful policy expertise to his job as a Commissioner, which assisted the MPSC in its decision making and interactions with the Michigan legislature and served him well in his many different roles on NARUC Committees;

Whereas Norman Saari, with his thoughtful inquisitiveness and diligent public service stewardship engaged in his Commissioner role on contested cases and other pressing issues before the MPSC and always prioritized his Commission work to serve the 10 million individuals who call Michigan home and then carried that same work ethic to assist with issues on a national level through his work as a member of NARUC;

Whereas Norman Saari is also sorely missed on a personal level; his quick wit and engaging storytelling, his art of photography, and his appreciation for travel, fine cigars, MSU Dairy Store mint chocolate chip ice cream, and Michigan State University Spartans -- Go Green! -- were truly appreciated;

Whereas Commissioner Emeritus Saari, or “Norm,” is a mentor to many and a friend to all who will be greatly missed, but his impact will be long-standing both on a state and national level; now therefore be it
Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in San Antonio, TX, extends to Norman J. Saari its utmost gratitude and appreciation for his years of public service to the State of Michigan and to NARUC and wishes Commissioner Emeritus Saari well in his retirement.

Passed by the NARUC Gas Committee
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 19, 2019
Resolution Honoring Kimberly Duffley of North Carolina

Whereas Kimberly (Kim) Duffley completed her tenure as National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Electricity Committee Co-Chair in 2019;

Whereas from 2015 to 2018, Kim served as Vice-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity;

Whereas Kim at all times models thoughtful, diligent and knowledgeable leadership, and in her service to NARUC, has organized multiple educational panels and webinars for her fellow regulators to enrich their understanding of the electric utility industry and its importance to the public;

Whereas Kim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;

Whereas Kim continued her education at Mercer University where she earned a Juris Doctor and was subsequently licensed to practice law in North Carolina;

Whereas from 1999 through 2011, Kim worked in the Environmental Division of the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office;

Whereas in late 2011 Kim accepted a position as a Staff Attorney with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, thereby discovering her hidden passion for utility regulation, and was subsequently promoted to Senior Staff Attorney;

Whereas Kim developed a reputation as a favorite case manager of utility rate cases at the North Carolina Utilities Commission due to her thorough and gracious teamwork and communications skills;

Whereas Kim is a North Carolina Board Certified Specialist in Utilities Law and serves as an advisory member of the North Carolina State Bar Utilities Law Specialization Committee;

Whereas Kim has demonstrated her love of modern art by serving on the board of VAE, a non-profit creativity incubator, gallery and artist hub;

Whereas Kim and her husband Peter are the proud parents of John and Emily Paige;

Whereas Kim loves to vacation at Bald Head Island; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2019, Governor Roy Cooper nominated Kim to serve as a Commissioner of the North Carolina Utilities Commission; and

Whereas Kim’s education, experience, work ethic, and temperament will continue to benefit North Carolina in her new role as Commissioner of the North Carolina Utilities Commission; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas, commends and thanks Kimberly Duffley on her service to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and congratulates her on her nomination to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Passed by the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors November 19, 2019
Resolution Honoring Mathias Roussy, Jr., of Virginia

Whereas D. Mathias (“Matt”) Roussy, Jr., completed his tenure as National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on Electricity Committee Co-Chair in 2019;

Whereas, in December of 2017, Matt agreed, after some persuasion, to serve as Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Electricity;

Whereas when asked to co-lead the Staff Subcommittee, Matt answered the call in true form and was quickly recognized as an invaluable resource to NARUC, reviewing NARUC position documents, organizing multiple educational panels and webinars for both Commissioners and Staff to enrich their understanding of the electric utility industry and its importance to the public, and assisting in analyzing the pressing issues of the day;

Whereas Matt took the lead to provide Committee members and Staff members with quality service in a calm, enjoyable, and stress-free manner;

Whereas Matt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia;

Whereas Matt continued his education at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, where he earned a Juris Doctor degree and was subsequently licensed to practice law in Virginia;

Whereas Matt began his career working as an intern for the Insurance and Utility Regulatory Section of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (“VAOG”), focusing on the section’s role as Consumer Counsel for the Commonwealth in matters before the Virginia State Corporation Commission;

Whereas Matt distinguished himself in the most positive way as an intern at the VAOG, and upon graduation, was offered a position as an Assistant Attorney General;

Whereas in 2009, Matt joined the Virginia State Corporation Commission (“VCSS”) as an Associate General Counsel;

Whereas at the VCSS, Matt developed a reputation as a tireless worker, effective colleague and a pleasure to have on the team, and was promoted to Senior General Counsel in August of 2016, and in August of 2017, was promoted to the position of Hearing Examiner;

Whereas Matt was a valued member of the Organization of PJM States, Inc., Staff Committee from January 2010 until July 2017, evaluating numerous policies and participating in the development and review of OPSI position documents;

Whereas Matt and his wife, Alison, are the proud parents of Mathias and William;

Whereas Matt and his family enjoy time spent outdoors exploring, hiking, bicycling and camping throughout Virginia and participating in, and serving as spectators for, numerous sporting activities including soccer and swim team; and

Whereas now that Matt is relinquishing his role as Co-Chair of the Staff Subcommittee, he will have more time to devote to his family and enjoy the great outdoors; now therefore be it
Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Annual Meeting and Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas, commends D. Mathias Roussy, Jr., on his service to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Passed by the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors November 19, 2019