

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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