

***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.