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Some of these resolutions are intended to be a surprise to the honoree so these will not be available on the NARUC app. until they are passed by the respective standing committees.
Honorary Resolution for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Chairman Richard Glick

Whereas Richard Glick served on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as a Commissioner from 2017 to 2023, and as Chairman of FERC from January 21, 2021 until January 2023;

Whereas Chairman Glick served as general counsel for the Democrats on the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he acted as a senior policy advisor;

Whereas Chairman Glick served as vice president of government affairs of Iberdola’s US renewable energy, electric and gas utility, and natural gas storage business;

Whereas Chairman Glick previously worked in both the private sector and government in legal, policy, and government affairs positions, including as senior policy advisor to the U.S. Energy Secretary and legislative director and chief counsel to U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers;

Whereas Chairman Glick is a graduate of the George Washington University and Georgetown Law;

Whereas Chairman Glick, as both Commissioner and Chairman, demonstrated a deep commitment to working productively with NARUC and individual state Commissions in support of an approach to energy regulation based on cooperative federalism;

Whereas Chairman Glick, as FERC Chairman, placed on the June 2021 FERC open meeting agenda and worked to establish the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission (Task Force) pursuant to 16 USC § 824h(b), a 100 year old, rarely used, provision of federal statute that allows for the cooperation between FERC and State commissions, including holding joint hearings “regarding the relationship between rate structures, cost, accounts, charges, practices, classifications, and regulations of public utilities;”

Whereas Chairman Glick successfully presided, jointly with a NARUC member, over the first five (5) meetings of the Task Force, which is comprised of the five (5) members of FERC and 10 members of NARUC, with two state commission representatives from each NARUC region, leading discussions on transmission that are of significant interest and concern to NARUC members;

Whereas Chairman Glick took a consistent, principled position on the PJM Interconnection, Inc. minimum offer price rule (MOPR) deferential to states, arguing that FERC orders “Unlawfully Target[ed] a Matter under State Jurisdiction”

Whereas Chairman Glick, as FERC Chairman, placed on the April 2022 FERC open meeting agenda and voted for a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Transmission NOPR), titled Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection, that includes a significant role for states, including the ability to provide meaningful input into cost allocation;
Whereas Chairman Glick, while at FERC, prioritized attending NARUC’s Policy Summits and Annual Meeting and Education conferences;

Whereas Chairman Glick took efforts to engage and accept meetings with NARUC members from across the country;

Whereas Chairman Glick’s commitment to ensuring productive and congenial engagement between FERC and NARUC is appreciated by NARUC’s members; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioner, convened at its 2023 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates former FERC Chairman Richard Glick on his tenure at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and thanks him for his friendship and efforts on building and expanding the relationship between state and federal utility regulators, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Judith Williams Jagdmann

Whereas Judith Williams “Judy” Jagdmann was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to serve on the State Corporation Commission (“SCC”) in 2006, and was re-elected twice, serving in that capacity for almost 17 years;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann was actively involved in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Electricity Committee and the Taskforce on Military Workforce Development;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann was actively involved in the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, where she served as President from 2017-2018;

Whereas prior to becoming a Commissioner, the Virginia General Assembly in 2005 unanimously elected Judge Jagdmann as the 43rd Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia;

Whereas prior to being named Virginia Attorney General, Judge Jagdmann served as Deputy Attorney General of Virginia for the Civil Litigation Division, where she participated in legislative and judicial proceedings regarding civil matters, redistricting, restructuring of the electric industry and various consumer matters;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann served in the SCC’s Office of General Counsel from 1985 to 1998, focusing on securities and utility matters;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history (with distinction) from the University of Virginia and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Richmond School of Law;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann’s hard work, wisdom, pragmatism, temperament, and desire to understand all sides of an issue have benefitted all of the agencies and organizations in which she has served;

Whereas in the many NARUC panels she helped organize, Judge Jagdmann always emphasized the importance of educating fellow commissioners and the audience, and ensuring a balanced presentation of the issues;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann exemplified all aspects of being a dedicated public servant throughout her career, providing input into high-level regulatory matters;

Whereas Judge Jagdmann has a wicked sense of humor and a quick wit, which served her well in her leadership within NARUC, and which helped in addressing and successfully moving forward difficult issues and matters;

Whereas an avid fan of University of Virginia football and basketball, Judge Jagdmann and her husband Joe have two Wahoo children, Emily and Daniel, and one national basketball championship, to cherish;
Whereas after 37 years of exemplary public service, Judge Jagdmann decided to retire from the SCC in January 2023; and

Whereas Judge Jagdmann will be remembered at the Virginia SCC, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service, as well as her warm smile and sense of humor; now, therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., colleagues and friends congratulate Commissioner Emeritus Judith Williams Jagdmann on her tenure at the Virginia State Corporation Commission, thanks her for her leadership and friendship, and expresses its best wishes for her in all her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Ellen Nowak of Wisconsin

Whereas Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in July 2011 by Governor Scott Walker, and reconfirmed for a new, six-year term beginning on March 1, 2013;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was named Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in March of 2015;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors in 2015 by NARUC President Lisa Edgar;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was appointed to the NARUC Executive Committee in 2016 by NARUC President Travis Kavulla to serve as the MARC representative on the Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak elected to run for the MARC opening into NARUC leadership in 2016, and was elected;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was elected as NARUC Second Vice President in November 2016, and was subsequently elected to serve as NARUC First Vice President in November 2017;

Whereas on the cusp of becoming President of NARUC, in March of 2018 Governor Walker appointed Commissioner Nowak as Secretary of the Department of Administration, the top administrative position in Wisconsin government;

Whereas Administrator Nowak served in that role until just prior to the end of Governor Walker's term, when she was then reappointed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, as chairperson, in January 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was again appointed to the NARUC Board of Directors for NARUC as an appointed member in January 2019 by NARUC President Nick Wagner, where she took on the role of coordinating NARUC’s Ambassador Program, pairing new commissioners with experienced commissioners to assist their entry into becoming a state utility regulator and member of NARUC;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak was appointed Chair of NARUC's International Committee by NARUC President Brandon Presley, making her a Committee Chair member of the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak provided double duty by also serving as Chair of the Electricity Committee's Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management, leading the U.S. Department of Energy-NARUC Coal Modernization and Carbon Management Partnership;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak further served as a member of the Gas Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak has served with distinction as a “NARUC Global Ambassador” by representing NARUC at the Sixth World Forum on Energy Regulation in May of 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak also actively contributed to leadership-level discussions during the EU-US Energy Regulatory Roundtables (13th Roundtable – April 2017 [Arlington, Va.] and 12th Roundtable – April 2016 [Madrid, Spain]);

Whereas Commissioner Nowak has been a wonderful supporter of the USAID/NARUC Advancing Women Leaders in Energy (AWLE) initiative from 2021 to 2023 by serving as a mentor twice to young female regulators in the Europe & Eurasia region and sharing experiences and leadership guidance through virtual and in-person trainings;
Whereas Commissioner Nowak helped initiate discussions with energy officials from Central Asia by speaking about Public Participation in the Regulatory Decision-Making Process during the webinar series: The Role, Structure, and Function of the Regulator under the USAID/NARUC Central Asia Energy Regulatory Partnership, December 10-11, 2020;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak spoke about Working with Utilities to Communicate Crucial Information about Prices and Safety during the USAID/NARUC Europe & Eurasia Energy Crisis Communications Webinar, September 2022;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak shared key concepts on Regulatory Independence for regulators in Bosnia and Herzegovina in July 2021 in a USAID/NARUC-sponsored webinar;

Whereas Commissioner Nowak has served, in no particular order, as President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC); as a member of the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University; on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; on the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation; and Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resiliency; on the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors for the Electric Power Research Institute; and on the Advisory Committee for the Critical Consumers Issues Forum;

Whereas prior to her initial appointment to the PSC of Wisconsin, Commissioner Nowak served in a variety of positions in public service, including as the chief of staff to the Waukesha County Executive; as legal counsel and subsequent chief of staff to the Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly, as well as a private practice attorney; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Winter Policy Summit, extends its sincere gratitude to Commissioner Ellen Nowak for her outstanding leadership and for her support of NARUC’s mission; and be it further

Resolved that her many friends and colleagues are pleased to wish Ellen the very best in all future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee and the Committees on Gas and Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for Commissioner M. Beth Trombold

Whereas M. Beth Trombold has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Ohio for more than 30 years, including 26 years with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO);

Whereas Commissioner Trombold has served as commissioner for ten years, being appointed by Governor John Kasich in 2013 and reappointed in 2018, and has served as vice-chair of the PUCO since 2016 and as interim chair in 2019 and again in 2020-2021;

Whereas Commissioner Trombold has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, the Committee on Electricity as co-vice chair, the Washington Action Program, and the Advancing Women Leaders in Energy project;

Whereas Commissioner Trombold served as co-vice-chair of the NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity System Planning, including hosting a task force workshop in Columbus in 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Trombold has represented Ohio in the Organization of PJM States (OPSI) for many years, including serving as president of the OPSI Board in 2015-2016;

Whereas Commissioner Trombold educated regulators internationally through formal partnerships with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of Energy, including traveling to Ukraine in 2013, Bosnia in 2018, and Japan in 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Trombold co-led the PUCO’s effort to develop PowerForward, a two-year initiative wherein Ohio was nationally recognized in states’ efforts to modernize the electric grid;

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

Whereas Commissioner Trombold’s friendly demeanor, willingness to serve, and commitment to public service will be remembered by the many individuals with whom she was engaged; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Beth Trombold on her tenure at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and offers best wishes for happiness and success in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committees on Electricity and Energy Resources and the Environment
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Kimberly O’Guinn of Arkansas

Whereas Kimberly O’Guinn has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Arkansas for more than 20 years;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn served as commissioner at the PSC for six years, being appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2016;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was nominated to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors by President Nick Wager in 2019;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was appointed to the NARUC Executive Committee by President Brandon Presley in 2019;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was a member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (SEARUC) and Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) as well as an active member of the Executive Committee, Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, Committee on Gas, Washington Action Program, Committee on International Relations, and Subcommittee on Education and Research;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn served as chair of the NARUC Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency Task Force between April 2020 and April 2022 and was instrumental in publishing several key resources, including a report on public utility commission responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Federal Funding Guidebook for Pre- and Post-Disaster Resilience, and ongoing work with a Black Sky Technical Playbook to be released in 2023;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn has served in leadership roles with the Financial Research Institute Board, Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee, Entergy Regional State Committee, the Organization of MISO States, the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council, Women’s Foundation of Arkansas, National Utilities Diversity Council, American Association of Blacks in Energy, and Arkansas Women in Power;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn previously served as director of communications for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and permit engineer at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality’s Office of Air;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was an Engineering Fellowship Recipient with NASA’s Space Grant Consortium/NASA Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was chosen by Southwest Power Pool to serve as director of state regulatory policy beginning in January 2023;
Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn never says no to an opportunity to volunteer her expertise and time;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn values brevity from attorneys and witnesses and does not hesitate to call out nonsense, particularly from certain former NARUC presidents;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn is passionate about French fries and chocolate sauce and has been known to be a temporary resident of the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn was known for her expertise, professionalism, collegiality, and commitment to public service;

Whereas Commissioner O’Guinn’s tenure at the PSC will be remembered by the many individuals with whom she was engaged; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Kim O’Guinn on her tenure at the Arkansas Public Service Commission and offers best wishes for happiness and success in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and the Committee on Gas
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for John F. Guastella

Whereas, John F. Guastella was a prime mover in 1974 in the creation of the National Association of Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Utility Rate School, beginning with the Eastern school in 1974 and adding the Western school in 1980;

Whereas, John was employed by the New York State Public Service Commission for 16 years;

Whereas, in 1970, the New York State Public Service Commission promoted John to Chief of Rates and Finance in the Commission’s Water Division;

Whereas, in 1972, John was made Assistant Director of the Commission’s Water Division;

Whereas, in 1974, John was promoted by New York State Public Service Commission Chairman Alfred E. Kahn to Director of the Water Division with duties to include performance and supervision of engineering and economic studies concerning rates and service, and responsibility for more than 450 water companies in New York State, and led a professional staff of 32 engineers plus 3 technicians;

Whereas, during John’s tenure with the New York State Public Service Commission he served as vice-chairman of NARUC’s Staff Subcommittee on Water and prepared a detailed instruction on the kinds of operation and accounting records that should be kept by small water utilities and how to use those records, for a NARUC publication, “Model Record-Keeping Manual for Small Water Companies;”

Whereas, in 1974 he prepared study materials for what was the beginning of NARUC’s Eastern Rate School, coordinating over the years with the University of South Florida, Florida Atlantic University, University of Utah, Florida State University, the University of Florida and Michigan State University;

Whereas, John served for over four years as President of Country Knolls Water Works, Inc., that served some 5,500 customers in Saratoga County, New York;

Whereas, in 1978, John left the New York State Public Service Commission and established his own firm, Guastella Associates, LLC, ultimately serving clients in 28 states in matters of utility regulation and rate setting, encompassing revenue requirements, revenues, operations and maintenance expenses, depreciation, taxes, return on investment, cost allocation and rate design;

Whereas, through Guastella Associates, John has performed depreciation studies to establish average service life, depreciation rates for utility property and performed appraisals of utility companies for management purposes and condemnation proceedings;

Whereas, John has qualified and been accepted as an expert witness before regulatory agencies and municipalities in the states of Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware,
Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia;

Whereas, John served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC);

Whereas, John has continuously lectured at nearly each of NARUC’s Eastern and Western Rate Schools during the past 50 years, and has served as an instructor and panelist on water and wastewater regulation for the Independent Water and Sewer Companies of Texas, the New England Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies, and developed and conducted a special seminar for developer-related water and wastewater utilities in conjunction with Florida State University and the University of Florida;

Whereas, John prepared and conducted special workshop seminars on financial structuring of small water and wastewater utilities and participated in an expert workshop on full-cost pricing conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and has conducted numerous rate-setting and valuation seminars on behalf of the New York, New Jersey, Florida and New England Chapters of the National Association of Water Companies;

Whereas, John has presented on a wide variety of rate, valuation, and regulatory issues before NARUC, the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the New England Water Works Association, the National Association of Water Companies, the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners, the Mid-American Regulatory Conference, the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Environmental Conference, the Public Utility Law Section of the New Jersey Bar Association and the NAWC Water Utility Executive Council, and was instrumental in the development of the M-1 Water Rates manual of the AWWA;

Whereas, John has taught thousands of students, including regulatory staff, utility personnel, commissioners, and members of accounting, engineering, legal, and consulting firms throughout the country;

Whereas, past rate school students can say that John’s brief explanation of the Theory of Relativity surpasses anything Einstein could do, demonstrating that if he could teach you that Theory in five minutes, you would have nothing to fear from Rate School;

Whereas, John remained loyally dedicated to the NARUC Rate Schools for 50 years, even during years of extreme state budget constrictions;

Whereas, even during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic John continued to share his knowledge, teaching virtually with students online via ZOOM, maintaining his devoted years of unbroken service;

Whereas, John’s teaching method was brilliantly humorous, memorable, and effective;
Whereas, John is one of the kindest people you would ever meet;

Whereas, John has always been ready with a smile on his face and eagerness to help improve and contribute to the Rate Schools in any way;

Whereas, John has stayed involved for 50 years because he knows that “one must do, what one must do;” now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2023 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates and thanks John F. Guastella for his life-long commitment to utility technical and rate-setting education and professional services to regulated and unregulated utilities nationally, and 50 years to NARUC, specifically.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water and the Education and Research Committee
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Honorary Resolution for Cary Hinton of
The District of Columbia Public Service Commission

Whereas Cary Hinton has now retired following a distinguished and dedicated career as advisor to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission’s (NARUC) Committee on Telecommunications in multiple capacities on multiple issues and resolutions throughout the years;

Whereas Cary Hinton has also retired from the District of Columbia Public Service Commission (DC PSC) after serving professionally and with distinction in service to the former Chairman of the District of Columbia Service Commission (DC PSC) Betty Ann Kane and as the Director of the Office of External Affairs during his tenure at the DC PSC;

Whereas Cary Hinton has undertaken many duties in the telecommunications ecosphere as regulatory lobbyist, policy analyst, commissioner’s advisor, and NARUC Telecommunications Committee member throughout his remarkable career;

Whereas Cary Hinton is a renowned expert on the wording and punctuation needed to be addressed on any NARUC Resolution concerning telecommunications throughout the years;

Whereas Cary Hinton could be counted to inform the attendees at all NARUC meetings about every issue under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), usually accompanied by a trenchant observation of what that meant to the states;

Whereas Cary Hinton remains a renowned expert on the best restaurants for dining and discussing NARUC issues in each and every location where NARUC has had its Winter, Summer, and Annual meetings throughout the years;

Whereas Cary Hinton is a recognized expert on the location of every microbrewery and the composition, quality, and price of any and every product available in any microbrewery in any location where NARUC had its Winter, Summer, and Annual meetings throughout the years;

Whereas Cary Hinton developed a policy and process expertise on the ways and means by which many state commissions support their public utility regulatory efforts, including the DC PSC;

Whereas Cary Hinton would regularly and often inform the Telecommunication Staff Committee that, because the District of Columbia was not a State, Commonwealth, or Territory and lacked any voting authority in Congress, every Resolutions must include the word District;

Whereas Cary Hinton could be counted on to submit multiple resolutions on all things telecommunications and broadband for consideration by the Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee;
Whereas Cary Hinton has developed an incredible music collection with a vast range of interests and an uncanny ability to know which band was playing where and when at any location where NARUC has had its Winter, Summer, and Annual meetings throughout the years;

Whereas Cary Hinton could be counted on to share his knowledge of restaurants, microbreweries, music venues, and resolution edits with any and all members of the NARUC Telecommunications Staff Committee.

Whereas Cary Hinton has benefitted from the assistance and insight provided by his wife, Mary, on many telecommunications and broadband issues, particularly those impacting smaller and rural carriers;

Whereas having earned his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and his Master of Science in Resource Policy and Management from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor;

Whereas Cary Hinton has served the DC PSC and 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 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, recognizes, commends, and thanks Cary Hinton for his fearless, exhaustive, and principled efforts to protect the public interest in general, and the District in particular, during his long career, particularly his spirited defense of the interests of the District in all things telecommunications, and extends its respect and best wishes to him and his wife Mary.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023
Kerry Worthington Resolution for Mary Kilmarx Award

Whereas Kerry Worthington is a former NARUC employee who continues to support the regulatory community as a contractor to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy;

Whereas Kerry was a Senior Manager at NARUC from 2014 to 2022, providing critical and unwavering support to the Energy Resources and the Environment Committee;

Whereas Kerry organized countless panels, working groups, trainings, and webinars that helped NARUC members improve their understanding of electricity delivery, distributed generation, distributed energy resources, performance regulation, distribution system planning, transmission planning, utility compensation, risk management, and grid modernization;

Whereas Kerry staffed the Eastern Interconnection States’ Planning Council and then the National Council on Electricity Policy;

Whereas Kerry supported NARUC’s Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design in preparing the NARUC Manual on Distributed Energy Resources Rate Design and Compensation;

Whereas Kerry earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Towson University and recently completed an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland;

Whereas Kerry has worked diligently and professionally to train regulators across the country (and beyond) in the name of good government, clean energy, and the environment;

Whereas Kerry’s commitment to understanding the dynamism of the regulatory environment for electricity and to facilitating the understanding of regulators has allowed us to deepen our understanding and perform more competently; and

Whereas Kerry, with caring and patience, led hundreds of NARUC members on a journey to becoming more educated and more confident regulators and to better serve the public interest.

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, extends gratitude to Kerry Worthington for her leadership and dedication at NARUC and for her efforts to serve its members with excellence in all her activities. NARUC expresses its best wishes for her continued career development and encourages her to continue to offer her talent in service to regulators and regulated utilities.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023