

### ***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.

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*Sponsored by the Executive Committee and the Committees on Gas and Electricity  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 15, 2023*