

### ***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.

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*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*