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Resolution Honoring Edward S. Finley, Jr. of North Carolina

Whereas Governor Michael Easley, a Democrat, appointed Ed Finley to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as of January 23, 2007, to fill a term that expired on June 30, 2011, and thereafter appointed him to serve as the Chairman of the Commission as of April 10, 2007;

Whereas Governor Beverly Perdue, a Democrat, reappointed Ed Finley to the Commission as of July 1, 2011, for an eight-year term expiring June 30, 2019, and thereafter reappointed him to serve as the Chairman of the Commission as of July 1, 2009, for a term that expired on June 30, 2013;

Whereas Governor Patrick McCrory, a Republican, reappointed Ed Finley to serve as the Chairman of the Commission as of July 1, 2013, for a term that expired on June 30, 2017;

Whereas Governor Roy Cooper, a Democrat, reappointed Ed Finley to serve as the Chairman of the Commission as of July 1, 2017;

Whereas Ed Finley fully engaged with the issues in each regulated industry and thoughtfully evaluated the issues before the Commission including rate cases, mergers, certificates of public convenience and necessity, transmission lines, and rulemaking dockets;

Whereas Ed Finley is seen by all as nonpartisan and scrupulously fair, with an incisive mind, even temperament, and gracious disposition;

Whereas Ed Finley is admired for his integrity, depth of knowledge, engagement, dry wit, and effective leadership on regulatory issues;

Whereas Ed Finley served on NARUC’s Electricity Committee as Chair from June 2016 until November 2017. He also served as NARUC’s Second Vice President beginning November 14, 2017, and First Vice President beginning November 13, 2018, as well as serving on the Board of Directors beginning in 2017;

Whereas Ed Finley was actively involved in the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (“OPSI”), and was a member of the OPSI Executive Committee. He served as President of OPSI in 2013 and Vice President in 2012;

Whereas Ed Finley was a member of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Collaborative (“EISPC”). He also served on the advisory council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute (“EPRI”) as well as the Executive Committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy (“NCEP”). Additionally, Ed Finley participated in the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“SEARUC”);

Whereas Ed Finley earned his Juris Doctor degree with honors from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law and thereafter entered private practice with Joyner & Williams from 1974 to 1980, practicing in the area of public utility regulation. He thereafter was a partner with the law firm of Hunton & Williams from 1980 to 2007 prior to joining the North Carolina Utilities Commission;

Whereas Ed Finley has been active in his church, the First Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and as the Chair of the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee. He also has been active in his community, serving on the Board of Trustees for many organizations including, but

not limited to, Peace College, Lineberger Cancer Research Center, and the Glenaire Continuing Care Retirement Community;

Whereas notwithstanding his many accomplishments, he embodies the ‘valley of humility’ that he has likened North Carolina to when in the company of regulators and friends from neighboring States;

Whereas Ed Finley’s depth of knowledge, integrity, expertise and leadership will be difficult to replace and will be missed but not forgotten by his colleagues in North Carolina and NARUC; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, IN, extends to Ed Finley of North Carolina its sincere thanks and appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of North Carolina and wishes him well in his continued achievements.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 24, 2019

Resolution Honoring Energy Regulatory Commission of Mexico President Guillermo García Alcocer

Whereas Guillermo Ignacio García Alcocer stepped down on June 15, 2019, as President of the Energy Regulatory Commission of Mexico (“CRE”) and thereby concluded his service on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Committee on International Relations;

Whereas President García was elected president of the CRE in 2016 by an overwhelming vote of the Senate of Mexico and served with distinction for more than three years;

Whereas President García has shown exemplary leadership in continuing the implementation by his commission of the most significant and comprehensive energy reforms in Mexico’s history;

Whereas under President García, CRE has overhauled the regulatory framework for the national electric grid, lifting barriers to distributed generation, creating new opportunities for the development and integration of renewable energy sources, enhancing energy security through diversification of supply, and opening the door for technologies such as battery storage and electric mobility;

Whereas President García also led CRE as it instituted reforms in regulation of natural gas storage, use of liquefied petroleum gas and fuel quality standards;

Whereas President García has demonstrated a commitment to international dialogue and cooperation on energy issues, participating constructively in the work of the NARUC International Relations Committee and providing regular updates on the progress of energy reform in Mexico;

Whereas when Mexico hosted the VII World Forum on Energy Regulation, President García served as a gracious host to energy regulators from around the globe and a capable organizer who ensured that the Forum would be an unqualified success;

Whereas President García has strengthened the ties between energy and utility regulators on both sides of the border and supported greater integration of the North American energy sector;

Whereas before becoming an energy regulator, President García served his nation in the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Finance, and the National Savings and Pension System Commission;

Whereas President García has supported NARUC’s international programs and has expanded bilateral cooperation between NARUC and CRE;

Whereas President García has become a valued, trusted and lasting friend to many at NARUC;

Finalmente En nombre del Comité de Relaciones Internacionales, agradecemos al Presidente García, por su demostrada sabiduría, su dedicación y gentileza hacia nuestras iniciativas y al mismo tiempo expresamos nuestra gratitud por su contribución hacia un mejor entendimiento y buena voluntad entre los Estados Unidos y México; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, extend their gratitude to President García for his contributions to NARUC’s Committee on International Relations and for his work to strengthen ties between regulatory commissions in North America, and express their best wishes for his future endeavors.

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Resolution Honoring Commissioner John R. Rosales

Whereas John R. Rosales served as a Commissioner for the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) for four years, from March 16, 2015 to March 28, 2019;

Whereas John R. Rosales was a critical leader at the ICC on a number of significant initiatives, including the ICC’s embrace of innovation and utility of the future study entitled NextGrid, creation of a Cyber Security and Risk Management Office, and creation of an Office of Supplier Diversity and Community Relations;

Whereas at both a state and national level, John R. Rosales has been influential in advancing supplier diversity awareness and improvements, including a heightened consistency among Illinois utilities in expanded reporting and spend;

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales was an active and engaged member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”);

Whereas John R. Rosales was appointed to the NARUC Board of Directors in January, 2018, and served as such until the end of his term at the ICC;

Whereas at NARUC, John R. Rosales served as Vice-Chair of the Electricity Committee for several years, and was a member of the Task Force on Transportation;

Whereas John R. Rosales served as President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (“MARC”) 2017 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, leading a team of several dozen staff and volunteers to organize one of the most successful annual meetings in MARC history, with over 600 registered attendees and more than 75 speakers and panelists from across the MARC region;

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (“OPSI”), and, after being voted president of OPSI for 2018, instilled heightened goals of consensus among OPSI members and of open communication between OPSI and PJM Interconnection, LLC (“PJM”);

Whereas during his tenure at the ICC, John R. Rosales served as Vice-Chair of the Independent State Agencies Committee (“ISAC”);

Whereas John R. Rosales served as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Regulatory Research Institute (“NRRI”) from 2015 to 2016;

Whereas prior to his appointment to the ICC, John R. Rosales was the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago and was later promoted to Vice President of Coca-Cola Enterprises, overseeing more than 200 employees and profit/loss responsibility for a \$400 million business;

Whereas John R. Rosales is also a former Director for the Olive-Harvey College South Chicago Learning Center, where he managed the satellite campus located on Chicago’s southeast side and was responsible for the overall operation of the campus, community outreach, and enrollment;

Whereas from 2011 until his appointment to the ICC, John R. Rosales served as a Commissioner for the Cook County (IL) Merit Board where he was responsible for adjudicating cases of employee discipline within the Cook County Sheriff's Department;

Whereas John R. Rosales was a former member of the Board of Directors for Metropolitan Bank;

Whereas John R. Rosales is a lifelong resident of Chicago, earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, is an Illinois Literacy Foundation Board Member, and a member of the Azteca Lions Club;

Whereas some of John R. Rosales' interests and hobbies include music and playing basketball, as he was formerly a DJ at Northwestern University and played semi-professional basketball for several years across the country;

Whereas John R. Rosales is happily married to Vasiliki Rosales and has one daughter recently graduated from the University of Michigan;

Whereas John R. Rosales has developed a decorated history of community organization, as a youth in Chicago through his time as a Commissioner at the ICC, and should be recognized for his ability to bring people together and rally toward a common goal;

Whereas John R. Rosales has a proven passion for developing the skillsets for those that worked alongside him throughout his career; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana, extends its deepest thanks, sincere appreciation, and gratitude to Commissioner Emeritus John R. Rosales for his service to the national regulatory community.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 24, 2019

***Resolution Honoring Greg Sayre,
Commissioner, New York Public Service Commission***

Whereas Gregg C. Sayre was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the New York Public Service Commission on June 21, 2012 and served honorably through June 2019;

Whereas during his tenure, he was designated as Interim Chairman of the Public Service Commission and Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Service on March 9, 2017, where he served until June 21, 2017;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre garnered the expertise that made him such an effective commissioner through twenty-five years of service as the Associate General Counsel at Frontier Communications Corporation, responsible for oversight regulatory and legal proceedings in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana, prior service as regulatory counsel at The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies and as a rates attorney in the Law Bureau and Rates Division of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre began his academic career at Grinnell College where he received his Bachelor of Arts and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School and his Master of Science in Information Technology from the Rochester Institute of Technology;

Whereas recognizing the value of NARUC as both an invaluable reservoir of experience and a vector for change in Washington policy circles, Commissioner Sayre immediately became very engaged in the opportunities it presented;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre was known by his fellow NARUC commissioners and the staff as an invaluable and active member of the Board of Directors and the Committee on Telecommunications;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre was always willing to take on additional work at the forefront of policy, serving during his time at NARUC as the State Chair of the Federal Communication Commission's Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services and as a member of the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service and on NARUC's Taskforce on Innovation;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre has been and remains very active in his work with the New York Bar Association's Public Utility Law Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre earned the deep respect and admiration of NARUC because of his eagerness and desire to engage in complex issues, always open to listening to all perspectives, with a view to finding a resolution that will benefit consumers and citizens;

Whereas Commissioner Sayre has been an ardent supporter of NARUC, available to provide his expertise and wisdom, and whose kindness and good sense of humor will be greatly missed; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Sayre's expertise and friendship will be greatly missed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana expresses its gratitude to Commissioner Sayre for his steadfast commitment to ensure safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for all citizens and extends its best wishes to him in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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Resolution Honoring Thomas “Tom” J. Sloan

Whereas Thomas “Tom” J. Sloan recently announced his retirement after more than 24 years serving the people of the State of Kansas as a State legislator focusing on a broad portfolio of issues including energy, telecommunications, water policy, and higher education and other topics;

Whereas Tom was born in New York, and prepared for his years of service by first earning a BA in Political Science from Syracuse University in 1968, an MA in Political Science from Michigan State University and finally a PhD in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975;

Whereas Tom kicked off his career in public service by serving as the Chair of the Douglas County Rural Water District 1, from 1982 to 2019, before becoming the Chief of Staff for Kansas Senate Majority Leader, Bob Talkington, then being elected to the Kansas State Senate, from 1983-1985 and from 1986-1989, and later elected to the Kansas House of Representatives, District 45, from 1995-2019;

Whereas Tom also had other interests, serving as the President, Sloan and Associates, 1994-2019; a farmer; a communications consultant; a government affairs representative for the Getty Oil Company; the Associate Director, Kansas State Nurses Association; the Assistant to Secretary of Corrections, State of Kansas; the Executive Director, Western Resources (1994); and an Assistant Professor, Kansas State University (1976); *Whereas* Tom also was active on a range of caucuses during his career, serving as Member, Kansas Energy Council (2002-present); Chair, Douglas County Rural Representative, District 1, (1985-present), Member, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Member, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Chairman, Council of State Governments’ Energy & Environment Task Force (2005-2006); Chair, Government, Technology and Security Committee, Kansas State of Representatives; Vice Chairman, House of Representatives Utilities Committee; Chairman, Joint Legislative Committee on Energy; Chairman, Midwest Legislative Council’s Renewable Energy Committee (2005-2006); Member, Transportation Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Member, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Vice Chair, Vision 2020 Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Chair, Water and Environment Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Chair, Water and Environment Committee, Kansas House of Representatives; Member, Electricity Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy (2008); Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Discussion Groups on High Voltage Transmission Lines (2007, 2008); Member, Kansas Energy Council (2002-2008); Member, U.S. Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee (2008); Chair, Energy and Environment Task Force, Council of State Governments (2005-2006); and Chair, Renewable Energy Committee, Midwest Legislative Council (2005-2006);

Whereas, in his copious free time, Tom also has served as a Member of the Council of State Government (1995-present); Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (1995-present); Member, Cosmopolitans International (1990-present); Member, Columbia Sheep Breeders of America (1985-present); Member, Kansas Electric Transmission Summits I-V; Member and Chair, Rotary International (2000-2004);

Whereas, as a thought leader in the world of electric transmission, Representative Sloan led the national discussion on the interdependency between transmission and the adoption of renewable energy, inspiring a number of transmission plans, helping foster the development of the groundbreaking Kansas Infrastructure Authority, chairing the National Wind Coordinating Committee’s Transmission Workgroup, and penning an insightful column for a decade in Public Utilities Fortnightly;

Whereas, as a champion of the idea that states serve as the laboratories of democracy in the federal system, Tom served as an ambassador between the community of state legislators and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), befriending and interacting with FERC Commissioners and staff of every political and regulatory philosophy, which on multiple instances was celebrated over a Royals game (and even a couple opening pitches) at Kauffman Stadium;

Whereas, understanding the importance of mentorship, Tom was an unshakeable, constant, and essential advisor, supporter, and friend to an entire generation of up-and-coming energy professionals, always seeing past any consideration of their background, affiliation, or region, but instead with a appreciation of their merit, and seeking nothing in return, but their continued public service;

Whereas, in addition to his legislative leadership, Tom is at heart a farmer with a love of the land and the life that it sustains, who never speaks more warmly than when describing the goings-on at his Lawrence farm with its herd of Columbia sheep (an all-American breed!), rescued puppies, rambunctious family, and his loving wife, Gail;

Whereas, during his tenure, Tom, recognizing the value of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) as a vector for change and catalyst for collaboration in Washington policy circles, frequently engaged with NARUC programs, such as being an executive committee member on the National Council on Electricity Policy;

Whereas Tom was widely respected by all in NARUC, a frequent participant in its meetings, a partner to its programs, and a friend to many of its members and staff;

Whereas Tom was always available to provide his expertise and wisdom, and his kindness and good sense of humor will be greatly missed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana expresses its gratitude to Tom Sloan for his steadfast commitment to ensure safe, secure, and reliable access to critical utility services for all citizens and extends its best wishes to him in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee

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Resolution Honoring Carolee Hall (ID)

Whereas Carolee Hall was born and raised in Nampa, Idaho, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance (1993) from Boise State University;

Whereas Carolee Hall began her 22 years of public service at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as a Telecom Analyst;

Whereas Carolee Hall served on the staff committee for the Federal Communication Commission’s Regional Oversight Committee (“ROC”); North American Numbering Council (“NANC”); and was a tri-chair of the Future of Numbering working group (“FON”);

Whereas when Carolee Hall leaves, the institutional knowledge of what ROC was and stood for will leave with her;

Whereas Carolee Hall has carried Commissioner Paul Kjellander’s weight on the NANC and made him appear smarter and better prepared than in reality;

Whereas Carolee Hall worked as a Financial Manager for a competitive long distance provider before coming to the Commission;

Whereas Carolee Hall garnered a well-deserved reputation as an expert on number pooling, and served as a very active member of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, becoming a “go-to” staff member for putting together telecom panels;

Whereas Carolee Hall lent considerable support and expertise to Commissioner Paul Kjellander as Telecom Committee Chair, which helped to make that situation more successful and last longer than it would have otherwise;

Whereas Carolee Hall is a prolific user of hand written sticky notes announcing the reason for her closed office door because of one of her many conference calls or webinars;

Whereas Carolee Hall is known for her early-bird work schedule that puts her in the office before the sun comes up no matter what time of year. She may possess an alien Circadian Rhythm often causing her to call her friends on the East Coast at 8am, because she knows they are the only ones awake to hear her rant;

Whereas Carolee Hall’s early morning rants are one of the primary reasons some of her East Coast friends were never late getting into the office, because they feared what might happen were she not able to vent before her colleagues arrived at the office;

Whereas Carolee Hall is known for her mid-morning trips home to take care of her cat and dog, and to pick up her tea;

Whereas Carolee Hall is known for shopping on “old lady discount” first Thursday at her local Albertsons;

Whereas Carolee Hall, true to form, has always been “LIBERAL” and never “CONSERVATIVE” in lending her time to the FCC’s North American Numbering Council, working hard on numerous committees in her pursuit to Make Numbering Great Again;

Whereas Carolee Hall has used her business travel over the years to refine her tremendous innate skill for locating fine craft beer and awesome pizza;

Whereas Carolee Hall has learned the secret to dealing with the many frustrations of trying to accomplish good policy amongst disagreeing parties (state and federal regulators and all types of providers). She calls it “early happy hour;”

Whereas Carolee Hall will be greatly missed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2019 Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana., expresses its appreciation to Carolee Hall for her invaluable expertise, dedication, and vision to the citizens of Idaho, members of NARUC, and America's utility service consumers.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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