

***Resolution Honoring Kentucky Public Service Commission
Chairman Kent Chandler***

Whereas Kent A. Chandler was appointed to the Kentucky Public Service Commission by Governor Andy Beshear on July 6, 2020, designated as Chairman on August 3, 2021, and served until June 30, 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), served on the NARUC Board of Directors, was appointed to serve on the NARUC Executive Committee on March 20, 2023, and served as Co-Chair of the NARUC Electricity Committee;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Member Representatives Committee;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), and served as President of MACRUC from June 2023 to June 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (SEARUC);

Whereas Chairman Chandler has ably represented Kentucky in the Organization of PJM States (OPSI) for the past four years, including serving as President of the OPSI Board from 2023–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler represented Kentucky in the Organization of MISO States (OMS) in 2021 and from 2022–2023;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served on the Advisory Board of the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri, serving on the Strategic Planning Committee from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served as a member on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler contributed to high level discussions during the 16th EU-U.S. Roundtable in Vienna, Austria in April 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler was selected to participate in multiple Technical Conferences at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and regularly engaged with FERC Staff and Commissioners on matters of energy policy;

Whereas prior to his appointment as Commissioner at the Kentucky PSC, Chairman Chandler was appointed as the Executive Director of the Kentucky PSC, and prior to that served as an Executive Advisor at the Kentucky PSC;

Whereas prior to his service at the Kentucky PSC, Chairman Chandler served as an Assistant Attorney General in Kentucky, in the Office of Rate Intervention as a consumer advocate for ratepayers, where he also served on the executive committee of the Consumers of PJM States (CAPS);

Whereas Chairman Chandler holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Murray State University, a Juris Doctor from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, and earned an Executive Certificate in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School;

Whereas Chairman Chandler dedicated himself to constant further education and training to become an RTO and energy market expert to better advocate for Kentucky consumers in the organized electric markets of PJM and MISO;

Whereas Chairman Chandler never shied away from holding an evidentiary hearing or any line of questioning, nor from finishing said hearings close to midnight to avoid continuing the next day while keeping the hearing room absolutely frigid, and his willingness to continually ask hard questions was appreciated;

Whereas Chairman Chandler could not speak publicly without telling at least one self-deprecating joke and brought a relentless optimism to his work every day;

Whereas Chairman Chandler could not accept being a passenger figuratively or literally and insisted on driving everywhere;

Whereas Chairman Chandler sought out difference makers and resources at other state commissions and federal agencies to better his understanding, and he was in turn generous with his own precious little free time and would take phone calls and meetings from anyone who asked;

Whereas Chairman Chandler will be warmly remembered for his exemplary and diligent service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Summer Policy Summit, in Palm Beach Florida, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus and former Chairman Kent Chandler on his tenure at the Kentucky Public Service Commission, thanks him for his leadership, vision, and friendship, and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

Passed by Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARCU Board of Directors July 17, 2024.