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Resolution Honoring Miles Keogh

Whereas from 2005 through July 2017, Miles Keogh served as a loyal and dedicated staff member for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), in particular serving admirably for over a decade as the esteemed Director of the NARUC Research Lab;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was a constant and fearless supporter of the Committee and Staff Subcommittee on Energy Resources and the Environment’s efforts to promote and bring legitimacy to effective environmental regulation in the utility space;

Whereas Miles was the key staffer working with the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment to establish the NARUC Mary Kilmarx award recognizing individuals’ contributions to good government, clean energy, and environmental protection;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was a proactive supporter of the Committee and Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure by pioneering and advancing solutions to utility security;

Whereas when the Environmental Protection Agency proposed complicated and controversial rules for regulating carbon emissions from existing power plants (also known as the Clean Power Plan), Miles expeditiously organized forums for Commissioners and Staff to learn and converse about the proposal;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was an active supporter of the Subcommittee on Education and Research and provided thoughtful insight on the development of research and training to augment the value provided to NARUC members;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was an active supporter of the Committee on International Relations, serving as the critical staff person working with NARUC members to establish the annual NARUC Award for Promoting International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation in Honor of Terrence “Terry” Barnich, former Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (1989 to 1992), who was killed on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, while working as the Deputy Director of the State Department office overseeing U.S. reconstruction projects in Iraq;

Whereas Miles’s work with the Committee on International Relations contributed to NARUC’s International Programs, in particular the USAID-supported Europe and Eurasia Cybersecurity Initiative developing cybersecurity energy strategy trainings and toolkits for regulators in the Black Sea region (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) to facilitate as a tool in helping to protect their energy sectors. His leadership on cybersecurity regulation has been lauded internationally, especially by U.S. and EU officials, and he is widely viewed as a pioneer in defining the role of economic regulators in cybersecurity and equipping commissions to be effective partners with utilities in constructing cybersecurity defences against an emergent and fast-evolving threat landscape. While his unparalleled intelligence and good humour will be greatly missed in the Europe and Eurasia region and across the U.S., his attempts at mastering Black Sea languages will be gracefully laid to rest;
Whereas Miles was instrumental in supporting projects such as the National Council on Electricity Policy and the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council to organize themselves and develop bylaws and leadership structure;

Whereas Miles exemplified the innate value of convening people with disparate viewpoints and agendas and encouraging them to converse and develop consensus;

Whereas Miles used his unparalleled improvisational skills to develop interactive training programs for commissions such as the Energy Risk Lab;

Whereas Miles used his wit, humor, and ability to talk faster than an auctioneer to hold our undivided attention to his every word;

Whereas Miles led NARUC members on new avenues, prioritized the energy regulation community, and arranged celebratory dance parties;

Whereas Miles was a friend to many, genuinely empathizing when others had a concern or doubt, taking on responsibility when appropriate, and boosting their courage;

Whereas Miles generously mentored others at NARUC, commissions, and other organizations, developing the next iteration of regulatory leaders; and

Whereas Miles’s colleagues and friends recognize that this resolution only provides a glimpse of the compassionate, clever, and distinguished Miles Keogh; now, therefore be it

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, extends its congratulations and thanks to Miles Keogh for his years of service to the NARUC community, along with best wishes for his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Committee on Electricity, Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Education and Research
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Resolution on Honoring Lord Mogg

Whereas NARUC members first had the pleasure to meet Lord Mogg at the World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) hosted by NARUC in Washington DC in October 2006 and NARUC has appreciated the leadership and insight that Lord Mogg has provided to the subsequent WFERs held in 2009, 2012, and 2015;


Whereas Lord Mogg has had a profound impact on European regulatory policy through his leadership as President of CEER (2006-2017), an organization that represents 36 European countries;

Whereas Lord Mogg has championed market integration and free market principles through his role as Chairman of the Board of Regulators at the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) (2011-2017) and previously as Chairman of the European Regulators Group of Electricity and Gas (ERGEG) (2003-2011);

Whereas he was the founding chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), a virtual confederation of energy regulators, established in October 2009, which represents more than 200 energy regulators worldwide, and served two additional 3-year terms as Chairman to 2015;

Whereas Lord Mogg expanded his enthusiasm for sharing European and US energy policy discussions through his appointment to the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in 2012;

Whereas in addition to expanding the global energy network, Lord Mogg did also have a “day job” with Ofgem, the UK energy regulatory authority. Lord Mogg served as non-executive Chair from October 2003-2013 and is currently the European Advisor to Ofgem;

Whereas Lord Mogg is not one to shy away from serving as a leader, Lord Mogg is also Special Adviser to the President of the OHIM (the EU’s Intellectual Property Agency); he chairs the Board of Governors of the University of Brighton. He was the Director General, Internal Market and Financial Services at the European Commission for the previous 10 years, following a period as the Deputy Director General, Industry, again at the Commission, from 1990 to 1993. He previously held posts in the British civil service, including Deputy Head, European Secretariat in the Cabinet Office and Principal Private Secretary to three Secretaries of State;

Whereas Lord Mogg has educated his American counterparts “across the pond” on British knighthood and titles (John Mogg was knighted by the Queen in 2003 and since May 2008 has been a Member of the UK House of Lords);
Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, extends its congratulations and thanks to Lord Mogg for his years of service to the global regulatory community, along with best wishes for his future endeavors, including time with family and friends.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations and Executive Committee
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Resolution Honoring Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé

Whereas Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé, was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist and re-appointed by Governor Rick Scott, serving seven years as a commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé’s current and final termexpires on January 1, 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé is a proud member of the self-described “Team Florida”;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé is admired and respected by his fellow Florida Commissioners—Chairman Julie I. Brown, Art Graham, Donald J. Polmann, and Gary F. Clark—for his calm demeanor, objectivity, kindness, and ability to make tough decisions with compassion, carefully weighing the outcomes for all parties;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé began his career as a respectable and well-regarded science teacher before his metamorphosis into a State Representative for District 108 in South Florida where he was also a member of the Florida House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé has had a keen interest in utility-related issues since a utility transmission pole was practically installed in his front yard;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé served as the Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of IPIP, an international telecommunications firm based in North Miami, Florida (not to be confused with IHOP);

Whereas as evidenced by his involvement as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Executive Committee’s Board of Directors, Committees on Telecommunications and International Relations, Subcommittee on Utility Market Access, Chair of Telecommunications Act Modernization Task Force, and member of the Federalism Task Force, the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service of the Federal Communications Commission, Commissioner Brisé has never met a committee he did not like;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé more than adequately represented the interests of NARUC while testifying before the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, & the Internet, in support of improving the accountability and effectiveness of the Lifeline program;

Whereas as the former President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), Commissioner Brisé initiated and headlined the SEARUC College Tour Series to encourage college-aged students to consider careers in the utility industry;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé worked tirelessly to ensure public confidence in fairness of the regulatory process;
Whereas he was always dynamic, facilitating a collegial work environment with the goal of serving the public interest;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé through his hard work, active engagement, positive attitude, and selfless service has earned the respect of his colleagues in Commissions across the country, industry representatives, and Florida consumers;

Whereas he gladly participated in public events to help the public better understand the nature of our work and that we serve all communities as a whole, not just a specific few; and

Whereas Commissioner Brisé’s incredible language prowess, as he is fluent in English, Spanish, and Creole, helped bridge language and cultural gaps and opened up opportunities for the Florida PSC with the public, making the process inclusive for all; now, therefore be it

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Brisé for his service to NARUC, the State of Florida, and American ratepayers.

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