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NARUC’S WINTER POLICY SUMMIT**

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Resolution Honoring Commissioner Eric R. Anderson

Whereas Eric R. Anderson served on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission as a Commissioner from 2015 through 2025, and as the Commission President from 2021 through 2025;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson previously served five terms in the Idaho Legislature from 2004 to 2014, including as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and was an active member of several legislative committees, including Environment, Energy and Technology, Commerce and Human Resources, Resources and Conservation, Business, and State Affairs;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson while serving in the Idaho Legislature led the effort to prevent invasive Quagga Mussels from contaminating Idaho's and the Pacific Northwest's lakes and rivers.

Whereas Commissioner Anderson previously served as Director and Vice President of Northern Lights Inc., an electric cooperative, as well as a Director of the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the Idaho Energy Resources Authority;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson has played an instrumental role in the Western Interstate Energy Board and its associated committees, working to advance regional energy collaboration and policy development;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson served as a Commissioner representative on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission N10 Taskforce as one of two representatives for the Western region working on Gas and Electric coordination;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson served as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC) Chair and member of Committee on Water, as well as a member of the Committee on International Relations;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson has been an engaged and valued participant in regulatory and policy discussions, consistently providing thoughtful insights and leadership to advance effective utility regulation;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson has demonstrated commitment to collegial engagement with regulators around the country, working to find common ground and solve common challenges, recognizing the common interests of the nation's ratepayers in safe, reliable, and affordable utility service, and recognizing the need to appropriately take into account risks confronting utility infrastructure;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson has exhibited a strong commitment to collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and public service, ensuring that Idaho's regulatory policies are fair, transparent, and in the best interest of Idaho ratepayers;

Whereas Commissioner Anderson was easily recognizable at Western and NARUC events for donning his trademark and fashionable hats; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Anderson has embodied the principles of good governance, integrity, and forward-thinking leadership in all aspects of his public service career; *now therefore it be*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Commissioner Eric R. Anderson for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the regulatory community.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations on February 23, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025.

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Bob Anthony

Whereas Bob Anthony was elected as a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in 1988 and began serving his initial six-year term in January 1989;

Whereas Bob Anthony was re-elected as an Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner in 1994, 2000, 2006, 2012, and 2018, serving a total of 36 years at the completion of his last term in January 2025;

Whereas among the nine Oklahoma offices elected statewide, Commissioner Bob Anthony served longer than any other Oklahoma office holder in state history;

Whereas Bob Anthony served six times as chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission;

Whereas Bob Anthony served as a member of the board of directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and served as a member of the NARUC Gas Committee;

Whereas Bob Anthony was a past chairman of the National Regulatory Research Institute;

Whereas Bob Anthony was the longest serving utility commissioner in the United States;

Whereas Bob Anthony served as a member of the National Petroleum Council, having been appointed by the United States Secretary of Energy;

Whereas Bob Anthony is a past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference; a member and past president of the Economic Club of Oklahoma; and for eight years, was a delegate to the worldwide General Conference of the United Methodist Church;

Whereas Bob Anthony earned a Bachelor of Science from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania; a Master of Science from the London School of Economics; a Master of Arts from Yale University; and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University;

Whereas Bob Anthony rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Reserve;

Whereas in 1972, Bob Anthony served as a staff economist for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives, and in 1976 as a consultant to the U.S. Library of Congress;

Whereas from 1979 to 1980, Bob Anthony served on the Oklahoma City Council as a Ward 2 Councilman and then as vice mayor;

Whereas in 1980, at age thirty-two, Bob Anthony became president of C.R. Anthony Company retail stores, then the largest privately-owned firm headquartered in Oklahoma;

Whereas in 1995, the Federal Bureau of Investigation honored Bob Anthony with its highest award given to a citizen who “at great personal sacrifice, has unselfishly served his community and the nation;”

Whereas Bob Anthony was a courageous regulator who promoted openness, transparency, and accountability at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; *and*

Whereas Bob Anthony served with honor and integrity; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Bob Anthony on his tenure at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and thanks him for his leadership, vision, and dedication to public service.

Passed the Committees on Gas on February 25, 2025

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner James Brown of Montana

Whereas James Brown is a 4th Generation Montanan whose family homesteaded in the Grasshopper Valley located in Beaverhead County;

Whereas Commissioner Brown served as commissioner at the Montana Public Service Commission for four years after being elected from District 3 in 2020;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was twice elected to serve as President of the PSC;

Whereas Commissioner Brown served on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee Gas, Committee on International Relations, and Washington Action Program from 2021 to 2025;

Whereas Commissioner Brown graduated from the University of Montana with majors in Political Science and History and a minor in Spanish;

Whereas Commissioner Brown worked in Washington D.C. for six years in the congressional offices of Sen. Conrad Burns, Sen. Chuck Hagel, and Rep. Judy Biggert;

Whereas Commissioner Brown attended Seattle University Law School, earning his J.D. in 2004;

Whereas Commissioner Brown obtained a Master's Degree in Tax Law from the University of Washington in 2005 while simultaneously serving as a law clerk for the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court, Gerry Alexander;

Whereas Commissioner Brown returned to Montana in 2006 and engaged in the private practice of law, primarily representing agricultural producers and small business, and also appeared before the PSC on issues pertaining to implementation of the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA), sparking an interest in public utility regulation;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was instrumental in overseeing an internal reorganization of the PSC to increase efficiency and effectiveness in service to the public;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was appointed in 2023 by Governor Greg Gianforte to sit on a Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition charged with enhancing Montana's electric utility integrated resource planning policies;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was elected in 2024 to be Montana's State Auditor;

Whereas Commissioner Brown was known for his expertise, professionalism, collegiality, and commitment to public service;

Whereas Commissioner Brown's tenure at the PSC will be remembered fondly by the many individuals with whom he was engaged; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus James Brown on his tenure at the Montana Public Service Commission and offers best wishes for happiness and success in his future endeavors.

Passed the Committees on Gas on February 25, 2025

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025

Resolution Honoring David W. Danner

Whereas David W. Danner served on the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) as Chairman for two six-year terms from February 2013 through December 2024, likely the longest serving chairman of a state regulatory commission;

Whereas Chair Danner began his career as a reporter for the Associated Press, and then as a telecommunications attorney in private practice in Washington D.C. Chair Danner moved to the other Washington and served as counsel to the Washington Senate Energy and Utilities Committee, and as senior policy advisor at the Washington State Department of Information Services;

Whereas Chair Danner continued his service with the state of Washington as an executive policy advisor to Governor Gary Locke on energy, telecommunications, finance and elections issues, and was appointed to serve on the Pollution Control Hearings Board and Shoreline Hearings Board before joining the UTC as Executive Director from 2005 to 2013, and then was appointed Chair of the UTC by Governor Jay Inslee in 2013. Chair Danner also served as a member of the State Technology Services Board;

Whereas Chair Danner served as an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment for his 12 years as a commissioner. Chair Danner also served as an active member of the Committee on International Relations, serving as chair from August 2016 to November 2019. Chair Danner engaged in NARUC international programs activities in countries including Thailand, Cambodia, Guatemala, and Zambia as a volunteer, and supported the participation of UTC commissioners and staff in international programs activities;

Whereas Chair Danner served as chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) from February 2020 to August 2023, during which he led the Eighth World Forum on Energy Regulation held in Lima, Peru, in August 2023. Chair Danner has championed the *ICER Chronicle*, which is a periodic publication committed to the enhanced exchange of energy regulatory research and expertise through dialogue and cooperation on a global scale. In honor of his contributions to advancing effective regulation internationally, Chair Danner received the Terry Barnich Award from NARUC in November 2023;

Whereas Chair Danner served as a member of the Board of Directors of NARUC, the Board of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), and the Executive Council of the National Council on Energy Policy. Chair Danner has also served a member and co-chair of the Technical Gas Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, and has served on advisory boards of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum and the Center for Public Utilities at the New Mexico State University College of Business, serving as Chair of the advisory board for the Center for Public Utilities from 2022 through 2024. Chair Danner also served on the Committee of State Representatives of the Western Power Pool Western Resource Adequacy Program;

Whereas Chair Danner was a dedicated public servant, valued NARUC highly as a organization, enjoyed sharing ideas with his colleagues, nationally and internationally, and understood that these exchanges make better regulators of us all. In that vein he worked

tirelessly to support collaboration and cooperation among his regulatory colleagues, especially in his work leading both NRRI and ICER, even if it meant joining conference calls at 6:00 am Pacific time;

Whereas over Chair Danner's twenty-year career with the UTC, he never wavered in his conviction, based upon the law, that the commission must stand as an independent agency - and this above all may be Chair Danner's greatest legacy;

Whereas Chair Danner also exemplified the importance of taking time to enjoy life outside of work. Chair Danner is an avid hiker, exploring the national and state parks in Washington, New Mexico and other states with his wife Lauren. As a cyclist, Chair Danner often bicycled to work, even on inclement days. Chair Danner is well known for his musical talent, not only as a member of the FTEs, a band formed by state employees, but also as the leader of and keyboard player for the UTC band, made up of UTC staff who perform at agency events;

Whereas Chair Danner earned his B.A. from Columbia University, an M.A. in communications from the University of Washington, and a law degree from George Washington University; *and*

Whereas Chair Danner will be remembered at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which he served for his commitment to public service, as well as for his friendly smile and affable personality; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus David W. Danner on his tenure at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, thanks him for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the regulatory community, for his leadership and friendship and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

Passed the Committees on Energy Resources and the Environment on February 24 and the Committee on International Relations on February 22, 2025

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025

Resolution Honoring Julie A. Fedorchak

Whereas Julie A. Fedorchak served as a member of the North Dakota Public Service Commission for 12 years, having been appointed by Governor Jack Dalrymple in 2013. Julie was confirmed by the voters in 2014, elected to a full six-year term in 2016, and again in 2022, serving through December 2024, when she began her term as the first congresswoman from North Dakota;

Whereas prior to serving as a utility regulator, Julie was U.S. Senator John Hoeven’s state director for two years. Early in her career she served as communications director for North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer. Julie later founded a successful communications business which she ran for 10 years, authoring several books and articles, and working with clients across business, government, and politics;

Whereas Julie held a number of leadership roles in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), serving as the vice-chair of the Committee on Gas, the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and ultimately as President of NARUC before her election to the House of Representatives;

Whereas Julie was North Dakota’s liaison to the Midwest Independent System Operator (“MISO”) and the Organization of MISO states (“OMS”), holding numerous leadership roles including president of OMS. Julie served on the advisory board for the Electric Power Research Institute and as vice president of the Gas Technology Institute’s advisory board;

Whereas Julie is a fourth-generation North Dakotan, born in Williston, raised in Fargo, and a graduate of Bismarck Century High School and the University of North Dakota. Growing up as the youngest of eight children, she spent summers on her family farm near Belden, where she developed a deep appreciation for North Dakota’s farming and ranching communities.

Whereas Julie has been married to Mike Fedorchak, a Navy Veteran, for 25 years, and is the mother of three grown children. The Fedorchak family lives in Mandan, North Dakota, where they are active members of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish and are involved in various community organizations, including the University of Mary, where Julie serves on the Board of Trustees;

Whereas in her free time, Julie enjoys exercising, building her arm strength, entertaining, golfing, hunting, traveling, and cheering on North Dakota’s sports teams; *and*

Whereas Julie will be remembered at the North Dakota Public Service Commission, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her commitment to public service, her infectious smile and laugh, her focus on mentoring and developing people, including the NARUC Ambassador program, encouraging others to constantly strive for personal and professional growth, as well as her passion for responsible, aggressive energy development that is necessary for economic growth, public safety and national security; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit in Washington D.C., congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Julie A. Fedorchak on her tenure at the North Dakota Public Service Commission, thanks her for her leadership and friendship and expresses its best wishes in her new role as the Congresswoman from North Dakota.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee on February 22, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025.

Resolution Honoring Jeffrey A. Hughes

Whereas Commissioner Jeffrey A. Hughes was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Cooper for a term commencing July 1, 2019, and expiring June 30, 2025;

Whereas before coming to the Commission, Commissioner Hughes was the director of the Environmental Finance Center at the UNC School of Government where he was employed since 2002, picking up, among other awards, the Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Lecturer for 2012 – 2014;

Whereas with more than 25 years of experience assisting communities in addressing finance and policy challenges related to the provision of environmental services and programs, Commissioner Hughes is a recognized authority as author of numerous reports, guides, and articles on environmental finance and environmental policy analysis subjects;

Whereas prior to joining the university, Hughes worked as a finance specialist for RTI International where he managed utility finance and governance projects throughout Central Europe and Africa including a yearlong position as an infrastructure finance advisor to the Polish government;

Whereas Hughes earned a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Duke University;

Whereas Commissioner Hughes is an active member of Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities (CIFA) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas at NARUC Commissioner Hughes has worked diligently both at the North Carolina Utilities Commission and at NARUC as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors, NARUC Washington Action Committee, and Chair of the NARUC Committee on Water; *and*

Whereas as Chair of the NARUC Committee on Water, Commissioner Hughes worked tirelessly to increase the membership and influence of that Committee. Commissioner Hughes also arranged informative presentations at each NARUC meeting and championed several Water Committee resolutions, including the *Resolution Supporting Fair and Equal Customer Access to Federal and State Drinking Water and Wastewater Funding Programs* and the *Resolution Calling for Permanent Annual Federal Funding for a Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program*. Commissioner Hughes also forged a close relationship between the NARUC Water Committee and the National Association State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Committee on Water; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter meeting in Washington, DC congratulates Commissioner Hughes for his years of dedicated public service and leadership and his contributions to NARUC and the NARUC Committee on Water; *and be it further*

Resolved that all NARUC members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Hughes in his future endeavors.

Passed by the Committee on Water on February 24, 2025

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025.

Resolution Honoring Montana Public Service Commissioner Tony O'Donnell

Whereas Tony O'Donnell was elected to District 2 of the Montana Public Service Commission in November of 2016;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners ("NARUC") Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management from July 2019 to January 2025, and served as Chair of the Subcommittee from March of 2021 to January of 2022;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell was a champion of advanced uses of coal and recognized the potential benefits to Montanans;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell served as a member of the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure from July 2018 to January 2025;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell has an extended track record of civic involvement, including holding leadership positions in a number of organizations : United Way, Yellowstone County PTA, Christian Sportsman Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Lions Club;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell is a proud alumnus of St. Mary's College in California where he studied philosophy and theology;

Whereas Commissioner O'Donnell is known as a lifelong learner who takes pride in serving the public and his beloved State of Montana through his work with the Commission; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit, in Washington, D.C., congratulates and thanks Commissioner O'Donnell for all his years of dedicated public service and leadership; *and be it further resolved* that all National Association of Regulatory Commissioners members convey their best wishes for Commissioner O'Donnell in all of his future endeavors.

Passed by the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management on February 22, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February , 2025

***Honorary Resolution for Kari French
Staff Subcommittee Chair of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety***

Whereas the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety is assigned to and works with the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety;

Whereas, the Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety has an active and dedicated membership of expert Pipeline Safety Directors from across America;

Whereas, these experts manage large staffs made up of inspectors and engineers dedicated to the safety of America’s pipeline infrastructure for their respective states and the federal government;

Whereas, these same Pipeline Safety Directors implement federal rules and regulations from Congress and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and train teams of inspectors and engineers to maintain safety standards;

Whereas, for many years the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety has been Chaired by the formidable, professional and devoted Kari French, Assistant Executive Director/Division Director - Oversight and Safety with the Texas Railroad Commission;

Whereas, Chair French has served selflessly by organizing the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety meetings at NARUC conferences. She has recruited members, speakers and gathered the key pipeline safety experts in America to educate and inform the Subcommittee and Staff Subcommittee membership;

Whereas, after 10 years of service, Assistant Executive Director/Division Director - Oversight and Safety Kari French will retire from the Texas Railroad Commission in 2025 and leave her NARUC Staff Subcommittee Chairmanship;

Whereas, the whole NARUC community of Commissioners, Staff, Utilities, Operators and all who’ve enjoyed working with her over her many years of service will miss her hard work, creative ideas and “steer-herding skills;” now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2025 Winter Policy Summit, in Washington, DC, join Kari’s rag-tag colleagues on the Subcommittee of Pipeline Safety and Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety in wishing her every good blessing that retirement brings - even if her beloved Kansas City Chiefs make it to Super Bowl 2026.

Passed by the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety on February 24, 2025.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 26, 2025