

EL-1 Resolution in Support of the Timely Processing of Federal Reviews for Energy Generation Projects to Promote Energy Security, Reliability, and Affordability

Whereas the United States is experiencing electricity load growth greater than at any time in the last several decades - driven by the reshoring of manufacturing, broad electrification, and the rapid expansion of data centers; and

Whereas to address this load growth, states, public utility commissions, utilities, and energy developers are working urgently to bring new generation resources online to maintain resource adequacy; and

Whereas state public utility commissions are tasked with ensuring reliable electric service at just and reasonable rates, and rely heavily on the timely execution of planned generation projects to meet these statutory mandates; and

Whereas across the country, hundreds of new energy generation projects are in development, many of which require the review and approval of federal departments and agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Defense/War (DOD/DOW), and the Department of the Interior (DOI); and

Whereas it is fully recognized that new generation projects, particularly wind energy installations, must be carefully studied to ensure they do not present hazards to air traffic, military readiness, or other national security interests; and

Whereas federal processes to review new wind projects have recently experienced severe delays and backlogs, effectively stalling the deployment of new generation resources that states are counting on; and

Whereas industry estimates indicate these delays are affecting at least 100 projects across more than 20 states, potentially stranding approximately 30 GW of needed power, risking roughly \$50 billion in capital investment, and threatening tens of thousands of jobs; and

Whereas ongoing administrative bottlenecks threaten the energy security, reliability, and affordability of the United States' electric grid, and undermine efforts to supply power to critical infrastructure, including the data centers recognized as necessary for national security; and

Whereas this ongoing backlog has prompted calls for administrative action, legislative solutions, and litigation from Congressional leaders, state officials, and industry stakeholders; now, *therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2026 Summer Policy Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota, strongly urges the federal agencies responsible for the review of new energy generation projects to prioritize and expedite these reviews, establishing transparent timelines to clear existing backlogs as efficiently as possible; *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC calls upon these federal agencies to enhance coordination with affected states, fostering a collaborative approach to information sharing that facilitates the timely and responsible deployment of vital energy infrastructure.

Passed by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 22, 2026