

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Kara Fornstrom

Whereas Kara Fornstrom served on the Wyoming Public Service Commission (“PSC”) as a Commissioner from 2013-2017, Deputy Chair from 2017-2019, and as Chairman since 2019;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom’s involvement with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) included roles as: Member of the NARUC Board of Directors; Member of the Committee on Electricity; Vice Chair of the Clean Coal and Carbon Management Subcommittee; Member of the NARUC-U.S. Department of Energy Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership; former President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners; former Member of the Committee on Gas; and former Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom represented Wyoming as Vice Chair of the Energy Imbalance Market’s Board of State Regulators, Class 5 Member of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Advisory Committee, Chair of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body, Wyoming representative on the Northern Tier Transmission Group, and formerly as a Member of the Gas Technology Institute’s Public Interest Advisory Committee;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom has shown exceptional dedication to furthering Wyoming’s leadership in advancing the use of carbon capture, utilization, and storage technology to use abundant domestic energy resources, create jobs and economic growth, and lower greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom began her legal career in the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office Water Division and continued practicing law focused on water issues as a founding partner of Hageman & Brighton;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Wyoming and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law;

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom is a dedicated wife and mother to her husband, Justin, and daughter, Keefer, as well as an active civic leader in her community of Pine Bluffs and her church, St. Paul’s Catholic Church;
and

Whereas Chairman Fornstrom’s commitment to public service will be remembered at the Wyoming PSC, NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2021 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus Kara Fornstrom on her tenure at the Wyoming Public Service Commission and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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