

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Nick Wagner of Iowa

Whereas Nick Wagner was appointed to the Iowa Utilities Board in 2013 by then-Governor Terry Branstad, and was reappointed in 2019 by Governor Kim Reynolds;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner served more than seven years as a board member of the Iowa Utilities Board (“IUB”), and demonstrated the professional and intellectual curiosity needed to learn the intricacies of rates and services of electric, natural gas, and water utilities, and the services of the communications industry, as well as pipelines and the electric transmission systems;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner became involved in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) by serving on its Committee on Gas, the Washington Action Program (Co-Chair), and Committee on Critical Infrastructure. He also served as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors, and on the Executive Committee of the Board;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner also became involved with other NARUC-affiliated organizations, including the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (“MARC”) where he served as president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner also served as Treasurer for the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel 2.0 and as a board member, and served as Treasurer of the National Council on Electricity Policy, and further served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum, and as a member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities advisory committee;

Whereas in November 2018, Commissioner Wagner was elected to serve as President of NARUC;

Whereas during his year as NARUC President, Commissioner Wagner focused on helping NARUC’s members gain the tools and expertise required to be successful in their roles as utility commissioners through enhanced education programming of the Association;

Whereas prior to his appointment to the Iowa Utilities Board, Commissioner, Wagner served a four-year term as a Marion City Council member and two two-year terms in the Iowa House of Representatives, where he served as ranking member and chair of the Local Government Committee, and as vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. He also served on the Administration and Regulation Budget Sub Committee and the Commerce, Transportation, and Ways and Means Committees;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner brought an impressive set of skills with him to the position on the IUB, having over 15 years of professional and management experience including project execution, facility energy and efficiency audits, and building control, programming, team management, project management, strategic planning, process improvement, quality management, continuous improvement, among others;

Whereas Commissioner Wagner announced in July 2020 that he was trading in his blue badge for a green one, by stepping down from the IUB to become vice president of Colorado regulatory affairs and policy with Black Hills Energy, where he is currently employed; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Wagner’s appreciation and enjoyment of fine bourbon gave rise to the establishment of NARUC’s popular “Whiskey Caucus,” which continues to meet informally in conjunction with NARUC meetings, and is a legacy of note; *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 extends its sincere gratitude to Nick Wagner for his outstanding leadership as President of the Association, and for his continuous support for NARUC; *and be it further*

Resolved that his friends and former colleagues are pleased to wish Nick and Mandy Wagner the very best in all future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee

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