

*Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Sarah Hofmann of Vermont*

*Whereas* Sarah Hofmann was appointed to the Public Utility Commission in 2015 by Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin and has served with integrity and distinction for the entirety of her six-year term;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Board of Directors, the Committee on Telecommunications, and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues - Waste Disposal;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann serves as the chair of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann serves on the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations in Telecommunications and the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann serves on the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative;

*Whereas* prior to joining the Public Utility Commission, Commissioner Hofmann served as the Executive Director of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners, Inc. (“NECPUC”);

*Whereas* before becoming Executive Director of NECPUC, Commissioner Hofmann served at the Vermont Department of Public Service for a total of 17 years in the roles of Deputy Commissioner, Director for Public Advocacy and Consumer Affairs and Public Information, and Special Counsel;

*Whereas* in her roles at the Department of Public Service, she often directed the Department’s litigation, including matters before the Public Utility Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state and federal courts;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann is a graduate of Rollins College and the University of New Hampshire School of Law;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann’s calm and thoughtful judicial demeanor in the hearing room set the standard for the Commission’s staff to live up to when presiding over hearings;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann’s wealth of knowledge and expertise about the world of utility regulation in general, and Vermont utility regulation in particular, will be greatly missed by all those who worked with her;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann’s kindness, generosity, and level-headedness helped to create a collegial, respectful, and supportive work environment even at times when the chips were down and the pressure was up;

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann is the mastermind and architect behind the annual office-wide purchase of Girl Scout cookies to ensure an adequate supply of cookies for consumption by Commission staff at the weekly Commission meetings; *and*

*Whereas* Commissioner Hofmann always maintained a container full of Lake Champlain Chocolate truffles in her office for staff to access in times of needed stress relief; *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 gratitude to Sarah Hofmann for her leading roles on NARUC's Board of Directors, Committee on Telecommunications, and Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues - Waste Disposal, and for her years of service to the people of the State of Vermont, and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications*

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