

Resolution Supporting the National Laboratories

Whereas the Department of Energy's ("DOE") National Laboratories, through scientific research and development, continue to advance the economic and energy security for the United States of America;

Whereas National Laboratories research activities contribute to regional and State economic growth in Oregon, Louisiana, West Virginia, and other states across the nation where laboratory facilities are located;

Whereas the research and technical support provided by the National Laboratories is an invaluable resource for State Utility Commissioners and Commission staff;

Whereas National Laboratories, through applied research programs with educational institutions, utilities, and the private sector, have cultivated and deployed countless technology solutions;

Whereas many state budgets cannot adequately support the necessary technological research that is critical to utility regulation;

Whereas National Laboratories continue to bring advancements in efficiency to all energy generation, resulting in decreased emissions and ratepayer benefits;

Whereas National Laboratories have expertise in renewable, nuclear, and fossil energy technology; analysis of energy systems; and project management, both domestically and internationally;

Whereas National Laboratories work in close collaboration with DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; *and*

Whereas significant budget reductions to many programs within the National Laboratories have been proposed; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Summer Policy Summit in San Diego, California, strongly urges Congress and the Administration to adequately fund all aspects of the National Laboratories to promote continued advancements in deployable technological solutions while ensuring the nation's energy security.

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