

Resolution Honoring Alice Lippert

WHEREAS, After thirty-five years of dedicated public service to the citizens of the United States, Alice Lippert has retired from the United States Department of Energy (DOE); *and*

WHEREAS, Alice joined the Ad Hoc Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and continued in her support and significant contributions to the Staff Subcommittee in 2005, when it became a permanent Staff Subcommittee of NARUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice supported NARUC's efforts to provide its members with a wealth of information on critical infrastructure protection, energy assurance, regional coordination and information sharing issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice began her federal career in 1980 at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, improving the quality of the Consumer Expenditure Survey, a key input to the Consumer Price Index; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice subsequently joined the Energy Information Administration (EIA) as an economist in 1985, where she was, in part, responsible for the State Heating Oil and Propane Price survey and where she developed a close working relationship with the participating States. She also coordinated the preparation and response to energy crises, including the 1989 winter heating fuels shortage and 1996 propane supply crises, the 2000 California energy crises, and DOE's response to the attacks of September 11th, all while she led various surveys and analyses for EIA; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice was not content to react to events, she proactively worked with State and federal energy officials and responders to prepare for the next event, including developing the Energy Emergency Information Coordinators' system in 1996 and organizing numerous conferences, including the annual, continuing Winter Energy Outlook Conference beginning in 1994; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice joined the Office of Energy Assurance in 2003, leading the team that eventually became the Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration division of the Office of Electricity and directing what has matured into the Emergency Response Operations Center; *and*

WHEREAS, Through that Emergency Response Operations Center, Alice helped lead the response to many events, including: the August 2003 blackout; Hurricane Isabelle in 2003; Hurricanes Charley/France/Ivan/Jeanne in 2004; Hurricanes Katrina/Rita/Wilma in 2005; Hurricanes Gustav/Ike in 2008; Hurricane Irene in 2011; the 2012 Derecho; Midwest floods, Western wildfires, Northeast snowstorms, and the Polar Vortex, working closely with States, the petroleum industries, and electric and natural gas utilities; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2009, Alice led the Recovery Act grants to develop Energy Assurance Plans at the State and local levels, an effort that spanned four years and resulted in a new heightened level of State and local preparedness. She conducted numerous workshops and multi-State energy emergency exercises that help test and refine State and local response plans; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice has been a thoughtful and articulate leader and mentor who shared her vast knowledge with those at DOE; within the federal government; and with her numerous State, local, tribal, territorial, and private-sector partners; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice has been awarded the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Meritorious Service Award in honor and recognition of her lifetime of achievement and of her many contributions to the federal government and all Americans; *and*

WHEREAS, Alice will be missed, along with her keen sense of humor and her love of family, including husband John, son Kyle and daughter Katie; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2016 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere gratitude to Alice Lippert for her service to NARUC, to the U.S. Department of Energy, and to all Americans for her years of dedicated public service and offers its best wishes to Ms. Lippert in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Critical Infrastructure

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