

Resolution Honoring Lawrence Brenner

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lawrence “Larry” Brenner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Brooklyn College and his Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brenner realized that he had a penchant for energy policy and complex litigation and mediation, and after serving in the Army in Vietnam, he began a lifelong career in public service, but only after leaving behind his first calling as a taxi cab driver; *and*

WHEREAS, After a dedicated tenure as the Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Commissioner Brenner was appointed to the Maryland Public Service Commission in April 2007 and served as a Commissioner until January 11, 2016; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brenner represented the Commission effectively and commendably on the national front as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brenner is a past president/chair of six professional boards or associations, including the Organization of PJM States (OPSI); the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC); the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission (WMATC); the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative (MADRI); the Forum of U.S. Administrative Law Judges; and the Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brenner is considered a leading expert on organized energy and capacity markets, and is respected and frequently consulted by regional and federal authorities for his views on competitive markets and the facilitation of cost-effective distributed energy and demand response resources; *and*

WHEREAS, By the end of his distinguished nine years of service at the Maryland Public Service Commission, all parties involved in matters before the Commission knew that Commissioner Brenner’s “lawyer math” was on par with Michio Kaku’s “physicist’s math,” and was not to be challenged; *and*

WHEREAS, The entirely well-deserved “goodbye” tour of Commissioner Brenner, which ran from 2014 to 2016, rivaled in length and affection only that of one his baseball icons – Cal Ripken, Jr.; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC will miss Commissioner Brenner’s advocacy, dedication, humor and camaraderie, and yes, even his stories about the “Wait ‘till next year!” Brooklyn Dodgers; *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., and the Committee on Electricity thanks Larry Brenner for his years of dedication as a public servant and for his many contributions to NARUC; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that the NARUC Committee on Electricity wishes Larry Brenner the very best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity.

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 17, 2016