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EL-1 Resolution Honoring Michael Champley of Hawaii

WHEREAS, Michael (Mike) Champley earned a Bachelor’s degree in Science in electrical engineering from the University of Dayton and a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Indiana University, *and*

WHEREAS, Michael Champley had a long and distinguished career as a senior executive with DTE Energy Co. in Michigan, then known as “The Detroit Edison Company,” until his retirement, *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Michael Champley was widely respected among Michigan regulators for his willingness to engage in candid conversations on DTE business matters, sometimes to the potential detriment of his employer, and was respected especially for his immense knowledge of the electric utility industry, *and*

WHEREAS, After his retirement from DTE Energy, Commissioner Champley and his wife bought property in paradise, often referred to by its formal name of Hawaii, in hopes of settling into a post-retirement life of leisure, *and*

WHEREAS, Unable to escape his past, Mike soon found himself engaged in pressing energy matters in Hawaii, impressing people with his knowledge of the industry such that, lo and behold, he was appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission in September of 2011, *and*

WHEREAS, He served on the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission during a critical time as Hawaii faced a dynamic and changing environment in key sectors of energy, water, and transportation, *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Champley was part of "the Hawaii PUC Dream Team" with Chair Hermina Morita and fellow Commissioner Lorraine Akiba, who together worked to develop transformational policy for Hawaii's energy future, *and*

WHEREAS, He was a policy architect involved in the nationally recognized Hawaii PUC orders issued in 2014 on the integration of renewable energy, distributed energy resources and the seminal white paper titled “Inclinations for Hawaii’s Utilities of the Future,” *and*

WHEREAS, During his tenure as commissioner, Michael Champley served on advisory committees for Solar Electric Power Association and Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency, giving generously of his time and knowledge to share the best practices and lessons learned from leading-edge developments in Hawaii, *and*

WHEREAS, Mike was always a generous member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Electricity Committee, taking time to relate lessons learned from Hawaii’s early adoption of renewable energy sources, *and*

WHEREAS, Michael Champley is admired for his humility, collegiality, and dedication to public service as an outstanding commissioner who exemplified the best in servant leadership, *and*

WHEREAS, It has been an honor to have him as a colleague who has made significant contributions to the accomplishments of both the Hawaii PUC and NARUC, *and*

WHEREAS, Mike will be missed, but not forgotten, by his colleagues from Hawaii, Michigan, and NARUC, *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened at its 128th Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California honors Michael Champley on the completion of the regulatory phase of his public service, commends his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes him well in his next endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 15, 2016

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 16, 2016

GS-1 Resolution Honoring Ivy Lyn

WHEREAS, From 2009 through October 2016, Ivy Lyn served as a loyal dedicated staff member for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); *and*

WHEREAS, She served NARUC first as a Program Assistant, quickly moving up through the ranks as a Program Officer, then Senior Program Officer, and most recently in the position of Senior Manager for the NARUC Research Lab; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn served as a critical staff team member to the Chair and Members of the NARUC Gas Committee, and Chair and Members of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Gas and NARUC's LNG Working Group, ably representing the interests of NARUC in all her activities and assignments; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Southern Oregon University; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy embodies what NARUC should be: professional; thoughtful; go getter; problem solver; team player; dedicated; and accountable; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn's contributions to both the NARUC Research Lab and the NARUC Gas Committee helped to facilitate dynamic positive federal-State partnerships with the United States Department of Energy on issues such as natural gas infrastructure modernization, nuclear energy, liquefied natural gas, and carbon management; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn was instrumental at facilitating positive staff relationships with State and regional partners to NARUC, including the National Conference of State Legislators and the National Association of State Energy Officials; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn recognized the importance of and promoted the need for continued educational opportunities for commissioners and staff by helping to facilitate educational opportunities including wonderful site visits, and working through the logistics to ensure NARUC member participation; *and*

WHEREAS, Through her dedicated engagements with regulators, Ivy showed she could resolve challenges on myriad complex regulatory issues, all the while building friendships and taking part in wonderful collaborations; *and*

WHEREAS, The Gas Committee and its Staff Subcommittee, her extended NARUC family, and all of her friends in the regulatory community wish her well in her future pursuits; *and*

WHEREAS, Ivy Lyn has constantly demonstrated the characteristics of a true professional, a tireless considerate advocate for NARUC members, a dedicated hard worker, and a true friend to her NARUC peers and colleagues; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened at its 128th Annual Meeting in La Quinta, California, extend sincerest appreciation to Ivy Lyn for her years of service in advancing the public good, and wishes her continued good fortune, happiness, and prosperity in all her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 15, 2016

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TC-1 Resolution Honoring Florida Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lisa Edgar was first appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2005 and has the distinction of being re-appointed by three different Florida governors (Governors Bush, Crist, and Scott) for three Public Service Commission terms, a real feat in today's highly charged political world; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edgar served as the Florida PSC's Chairman from January 2006 through 2007. She led the PSC in adopting critical measures to strengthen the State's electric grid to better withstand severe weather events. Florida's storm hardening rules have since become a national model for cost-effective power restoration after storms, quickly returning businesses and communities to normal; *and*

WHEREAS, While chairman, Commissioner Edgar also spearheaded one of the first net-metering policies in the country, helping diversify Florida's energy mix and expand renewable energy sources. Since the rule's inception, customer-owned renewable systems in Florida have quadrupled and generation has grown by 75 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the PSC initiated automatic enrollment for the federal Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance telephone discount programs, working with the Department of Children and Families, on behalf of low-income Floridians. Florida's streamlined enrollment process became a model endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and used by other States. As a result, the process has helped millions of low-income Floridians—as well as qualified individuals across the nation—better afford telephone service; *and*

WHEREAS, From January 2006 to January 2008, she was a member of the Florida Energy Commission and the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. Recognized for her work and expertise in energy reliability, she was tapped to present Florida's Critical Energy Infrastructure in Coastal Regions to the U.S. Senate Committee on Natural Resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edgar quickly rose to national prominence among her peers as an expert in regulatory policy, becoming the first Florida Commissioner to ever serve as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); *and*

WHEREAS, As NARUC President in 2014-2015, Commissioner Edgar leveraged the expertise of more than 200 Commissioners to examine key issues, challenges, and opportunities—for consumers, service providers, and public officials—through the convergence of traditional utility services in the energy, water, and advanced communications sectors; *and*

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, NARUC became the preeminent association of regulatory bodies across the world. Leading missions to China, Canada, and Turkey, among other countries, Commissioner Edgar helped shape emerging utility regulatory policy at critical junctures in their development; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edgar served on the NARUC Committees on Electricity and Consumer Affairs, the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation, Executive

Committee, and Board of Directors. She also served on the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council and Executive Committee, advising on research in electric generation, delivery, and use for the public's benefit. She has also served on the FCC Universal Service Joint Board, working for efficient, accountable, and fiscally responsible use of universal service funds, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, During her career in public service, Edgar served as Deputy Secretary of Planning and Management for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from August 1999 through January 2005. She also served as chief environmental policy analyst in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, as a senior cabinet aide in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and as staff counsel and legislative analyst for the Florida Senate Committees on Reapportionment and Regulated Industries; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edgar received a juris doctorate from the College of Law at Florida State University, where she also received a bachelor's degree in political science. She is a member of the Florida Bar; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edgar is known for her intelligence, her kind and respectful demeanor, and her ability to work collegially with people of all political and ideological persuasions; *and*

WHEREAS, As a senior official on the bench, Commissioner Edgar enjoyed acknowledging that, of her colleagues, she'd served the longest and often harkened, "I was here when we voted on this or that . . . ;" *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 128th Annual Meeting in La Quinta, extends to the Honorable Lisa Edgar of Florida its sincere thanks and appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of Florida; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC wishes Commissioner Edgar the best of luck and continued success in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors on November 15, 2016

Adopted by the NARUC Committee of the Whole on November 16, 2016

WA-1 Honorary Resolution for John D. Williams III

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Water and NARUC's Staff Subcommittee on Water are saddened by the passing of John D. Williams III; *and*

WHEREAS, The Water Committee and its Staff Subcommittee of NARUC have benefitted from John's expertise in utility ratemaking, specifically in the water and wastewater industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Born in Tallahassee, Florida, John's life was one of exemplary public service; *and*

WHEREAS, After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida, John embarked on a life of public service; *and*

WHEREAS, John began a long and distinguished career with the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission, during which he rose to leadership positions and became a point person on water and wastewater issues for Commissioners and the Florida Legislature; *and*

WHEREAS, John greatly advanced the goals of the NARUC Water Committee, through his service and leadership as Chair of the Staff Subcommittee on Water; *and*

WHEREAS, John taught others the art of utility ratemaking by participating as faculty for NARUC's Utility Rate School, and by doing so, helped to ensure that the school was a tremendously successful educational opportunity for utility professionals in all sectors; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2007, John retired from the Office of Strategic Analysis and Governmental Affairs for the Florida Public Service Commission; *and*

WHEREAS, John had more than 30 years of experience in utility rate regulation and was always available to assist and explain water and wastewater regulation to new staff; *and*

WHEREAS, John was instrumental in educating and effecting creative regulatory solutions, which benefitted utility customers long term; *and*

WHEREAS, Most recently, John served as the Director of Governmental Affairs for Utilities Inc., one of the largest privately-owned water and wastewater utilities in the country; *and*

WHEREAS, John was known as a superb colleague and a consummate gentleman, as well as a man of integrity, kindness, generosity, and good humor; *and*

WHEREAS, John should be recognized for his remarkable career and his dedicated service to NARUC that impacted so many members of the regulatory community; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 128th Annual Meeting in La Quinta, recognizes the many valuable contributions of John D. Williams III.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors, November 15, 2016

Adopted by the NARUC Committee of the Whole, November 16, 2016