

**Honorary Resolutions Passed by the Board of Directors  
NARUC Winter Policy Summit  
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### ***Honorary Resolution for Commissioner ToNola Brown-Bland***

*Whereas* ToNola Brown-Bland served on the North Carolina Utilities Commission as a Commissioner from 2009 through 2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland is a native of Alamance County, North Carolina, and graduated with degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill(Phi Beta Kappa) and the Duke University School of Law;

*Whereas* after law school, Commissioner Brown-Bland clerked for the Honorable Alexander B. Denson, a magistrate judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina prior to entering private practice with the law firm Hill Evans Jordan & Beatty in Greensboro, where she went on to serve as in-house counsel for AT&T Corp;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland joined the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State in 2001 as director of the business license information office and the charitable solicitations licensing section. In 2002, she joined the staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission. From 2005 until 2009, she served as associate general counsel with the City of Greensboro;

*Whereas* ToNola Brown-Bland was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue in 2009. She served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and as a member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment Committee, Committee on Critical Infrastructure, and later the Committee on Gas of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC);

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland joined the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) in 2015, serving as Chair from 2016 to 2019, and she continued to serve on the NRRI Board until December 2024;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland was named Co-Chair of the NARUC Washington Action Program in 2015, where she served in that key position until the end of 2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland was named Treasurer of NARUC in November 2019 by President Brandon Presley and served as Treasurer until November 2023. During this same period, Commissioner Brown-Bland served as an officer of NARUC, served on the NARUC Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, the NARUC Audit Committee, and she served as Chair of the NARUC Investment Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland served on the Executive Committee of the National Council for Electricity Planning, including serving as President in 2022-2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland has been a tireless supporter of NARUC often accepting the call into leadership positions at difficult times, such as becoming NARUC Treasurer at a time when NARUC was undergoing a major transition of its finance operations just as the COVID-19 pandemic hit;

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland has a history of community and civic service, having served on several boards including the Greensboro Bar Association, the Alamance County Historical Museum, and Western Piedmont Residential Services, a non-profit organization that provided residential service to autistic adults, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of her church.

*Whereas* Commissioner Brown-Bland and her husband Andre have been mainstays at so many NARUC annual meetings;

*Whereas* Commissioner ToNola Brown-Bland will be remembered by her many friends and colleagues at NARUC, and the numerous organizations in which she has served for her remarkable commitment to public service and her dedication to serving others; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Winter Policy Summit, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus ToNola Brown-Bland on her tenure at the North Carolina Utilities Commission, thanks her for her outstanding leadership and friendship and expresses its best wishes for all her future endeavors.

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*Sponsored by the NARUC Executive Committee*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*

***Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Daniel G. Clodfelter***

*Whereas* Daniel G. Clodfelter was appointed by the North Carolina General Assembly to serve on the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) in 2017, and continued to serve as a Commissioner until 2023;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter served on NARUC's Electricity Committee;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter dedicated his time and expertise to the Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning that was jointly conducted by NARUC and the National Association of State Energy Officials;

*Whereas* prior to serving as a Commissioner, Commissioner Clodfelter was appointed to serve as the Mayor of the City of Charlotte in April 2014;

*Whereas* prior to serving as the Mayor of Charlotte, Commissioner Clodfelter was elected to the North Carolina Senate eight times and served as a Senator for over 15 years;

*Whereas* during his time in the Senate, Commissioner Clodfelter worked on various pieces of legislation dealing with renewable energy issues, and was one of the principal legislative managers of the renewable portfolio legislation enacted in 2007;

*Whereas* prior to serving as a Senator, Commissioner Clodfelter served as a member of the Charlotte City Council from 1987 to 1993;

*Whereas* prior to serving as a member of the City Council of Charlotte, Commissioner Clodfelter served as a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter has served as a trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation since 1982;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter served as a law clerk for Judge James McMillan of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Yale Law School, and a Bachelor's degree from both Davidson College and Oxford University;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter was named a Rhodes Scholar in 1972;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter graduated from Thomasville High School, where he was the captain of the debate team;

*Whereas* Commissioner Clodfelter will be remembered at the Commission, the NC Senate, NARUC, and the various organizations for which he served for his commitment to public service, his attention to detail, and his lifelong pursuit of knowledge; *now, therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., colleagues and friends congratulate Commissioner Clodfelter for his tenure on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and thank him for his leadership, guidance, and his exemplary dedication to public service.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*

***Resolution Honoring Judith “Judi” Ford  
“A NARUC Institution and Longest Serving Employee”***

*Whereas* Judith “Judi” Ford joined the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) family in 1977;

*Whereas* Judi was hired as s secretary to the Director of Economics in 1977, where she also handled all NARUC publication orders;

*Whereas* Judi moved to the policy side of the Association work to become a legal secretary to Chuck Gray and Brad Ramsay;

*Whereas* Judi later moved into the Accounting Department, where she remained and became responsible for billing and collecting membership dues, *Bulletin* newsletter subscriptions, among other things;

*Whereas* Judi took pride in being responsible for accounts receivable, establishing relationships with NARUC member financial staff and others in the NARUC community to ensure that NARUC wouldn’t have to write off debts as uncollectible;

*Whereas* Judi was known for keeping immaculate records stored in binders that made accessing information seamless for the rest of the accounting team;

*Whereas* Judi wore many other hats in the NARUC office, such as working with the Meetings Department and traveling to NARUC meetings where she always knew the appropriate badge color when processing registrations as the incorrect payment category was quite often chosen;

*Whereas* Judi’s management of office supplies saw a seemingly endless stream of FedEx, UPS, and George Allen office supply delivery people bring boxes and packages to her office and treating “Ms. Ford” with family-like reverence;

*Whereas* Judi was the official Girl Scout Cookies supplier, filling the office with sweets every year;

*Whereas* Judi had a great sense of humor and was known for sharing her opinions;

*Whereas* Judi had an immense dedication to NARUC, often working long hours, especially during NARUC meetings;

*Whereas* Judi elected to retire in July 2021 after a remarkable 44 years at NARUC;

*Whereas* along with leaving a huge gap in the NARUC Finance Department, Judi took with her an abundance of institutional knowledge when she retired that can never be replaced;

*Whereas* at the time of her retirement, Judi had worked at NARUC for exactly one-third of NARUC’s 132-year existence;

*Whereas, Judi holds the distinction of being the longest serving employee in the long and storied history of NARUC; now, therefore be it*

*Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners expresses its appreciation to Ms. Judith Ford for her 44 years of hard work and service to NARUC and the Commissioners and staffs throughout the country and our best wishes to Judi for a long and happy retirement.*

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*Sponsored by the Executive Committee*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*

### ***Honorary Resolution for Molly Knoll***

*Whereas* Molly Knoll served on the Maryland Public Service Commission as a Senior Commission Advisor from May 2018 to May 2023;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll served previously as Assistant People's Counsel at the Maryland Office of People's Counsel;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll served as Chair for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Consumers and the Public Interest Staff Subcommittee;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll has provided clean energy policy leadership during her years of public service, making her a valued resource to the citizens of Maryland;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll is a devoted mother to her two sons;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll earned a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law, and earned a Bachelor of Arts at University of Maryland, College Park;

*Whereas* Ms. Knoll will be remembered at the Maryland Public Service Commission and by her many colleagues at NARUC for her dedication, thoughtfulness, creativity, and kindness; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its February 2024 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., congratulates Molly Knoll for her tenure at the Maryland Public Service Commission, thanks her for her leadership and friendship, and expresses its best wishes for her future endeavors.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest  
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*

***Honorary Resolution for Commissioner C J Manthe***

*Whereas* C J Manthe has been a dedicated public servant for 20 years, including 5 years as Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) and has more than 30 years of management experience in both the public and private sectors in the fields of banking, healthcare, public accounting, non-profits and state and local governments;

*Whereas* C J Manthe was appointed to serve as PUCN Commissioner by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval on November 5, 2018, and reappointed by Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe served as a representative to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation;

*Whereas* prior to her position as a Commissioner at the PUCN, Commissioner Manthe served as Director for the Nevada Department of Business and Industry, where she had oversight for 12 diverse state divisions and 25 boards, commissions and advisory committees;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe has served at the Nevada Rural Housing Authority and Nevada Housing Division, and was recognized for her work in promoting affordable housing programs;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe earned a bachelor's degree in Managerial Accounting from the University of Wisconsin and is a certified public accountant;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe has volunteered her time and talents to Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Nevada Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children State Association, Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada and more;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe's professionalism and positive outlook brought untold smiles to her coworkers;

*Whereas* Commissioner Manthe's guide dog fostering and training in office provided a welcome opportunity for some puppy interaction;

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Winter Policy Summit congratulates Commissioner C J Manthe on her retirement from the State of Nevada and for her tenure at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and offers best wishes for happiness and success in her future endeavors and boating adventures.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity*

*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*



### ***Honorary Resolution for Andreas D. Thanos of Massachusetts***

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos has been a dedicated public servant to the State of Massachusetts since 1993, serving in multiple roles at the Department of Public Utilities;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he chaired the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Gas from 2015 through 2023 and continues to serve as a member of the Staff Subcommittee on International Relations and Staff Subcommittee on Gas;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos frequently volunteered to support NARUC's international programs in Mexico, Hungary, Kosovo, Albania, Armenia, Philippines, Vietnam, and elsewhere;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos received the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners 2016 George Dunn Award for exemplary service to New England, NARUC's 2017 Terry Barnich Award in recognition of his work to promote international cooperation among utility regulators and the development of professional regulation, and the 2023 University of Missouri Financial Research Institute Crystal Award for Distinguished Contribution;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos has enthusiastically supported the U.S. Department of Energy-NARUC Natural Gas Partnership (NGP) and is a member of the NGP;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos has authored and contributed to multiple NARUC publications, including *Potential State Regulatory Pathways to Facilitate Low-Carbon Fuels*; *Artificial Intelligence for Natural Gas Utilities: A Primer*; *Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Replacement and Modernization: A Review of State Programs*; *Sampling of Methane Emissions Detection Technologies and Practices for Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure An Educational Handbook for State Energy Regulators*; and *LNG: A Local Market – A Global Market An Introductory Handbook for State Public Utility Commissioners*;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos has developed and moderated countless panel discussions and virtual meetings for his fellow NARUC members;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos created and continues to lead an educational newsletter on liquefied natural gas to inform his colleagues in state utility commissions;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos serves as a member of the advisory council to the North American Energy Standards Board and the GTI Energy Public Interest Advisory Committee;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos has generously lent his expert perspective to numerous energy conferences around the world, including the World Gas Conference;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Massachusetts Boston and a Master of Arts in Energy and Environmental Studies from Boston University;

*Whereas* Andreas Thanos is an excellent dog owner and an innovative outdoor grill master and bartender; *now therefore be it*

*Resolved* that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Winter Policy Summit, thanks Andreas Thanos for his service and leadership of the Staff Subcommittee on Gas and contributions to the NARUC community and offers best wishes for happiness and success in his continuing work for the State of Massachusetts and continued active participation in NARUC.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Gas and the Committee on International Relations*  
*Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 28, 2024*