

Resolution Honoring George Young

Whereas the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications (the Staff Committee) are fully aware that George Young of the Vermont Public Utilities Commission recently planned to retire and will be sorely missed;

Whereas the Telecommunications Committees of NARUC are equally aware of, and have benefitted from, George's long and productive career on behalf of consumers and the public utilities that serve consumers during his tenure with the Vermont Public Utilities Commission, the New England Council of Public Utility Commissioners (NECPUC), the Joint Board on Universal Service, and the Joint Board on Separations;

Whereas George has been a fixture at NARUC, NECPUC, and Staff Subcommittee meetings in his lifetime effort to serve the public;

Whereas George's prowess at gaming is never to be underestimated;

Whereas George's career at the Vermont Public Utilities Commission has spanned many years and more than a few controversial or complex regulatory issues within the telecommunications industry, particularly on things such as minor acquisitions;

Whereas George's career at the Vermont Public Utilities Commission was not limited only to telecommunications, but also to less pressing issues of energy generation, conservation, and the public interest;

Whereas George was particularly adept at convincingly distinguishing himself as an expert editor and reviewer writ large on any and every resolution dared to be crafted by all those linguistically challenged who composed any string series consisting of nouns, verbs, and direct objects in written form;

Whereas George most especially brought that skill set, along with his ability to parse language and present frank observations in all his work, but most particularly to the Joint Board on Universal Service and the Joint Board on Separations;

Whereas the Joint Board members and staff from the States will feel George's absence quite acutely on an ongoing basis, especially when it comes to aligning costs with revenues or resolving the Gordian knot of the contribution base for universal service;

Whereas George's work has always been focused on the combination of private interest and public good, particularly when it comes to ensuring that there are comparable rates for comparable services in rural and urban America under Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TA 96); *and*,

Whereas George's future plans will no doubt include perfecting his gaming skills and editorial acumen; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its Winter Policy Meeting in Washington, D.C., recognizes the impending retirement of George Young from the Vermont Public Utilities Commission; *and be it further*

Resolved that NARUC's Telecommunications Committee and NARUC in general hereby recognize George's retirement with much dismay and more than a little sadness because he will be sorely missed; *and be it further*

Resolved that all members of the Telecommunications Committee collectively wish George a fun, happy, joyous, and well-earned retirement; *and be it further*

Resolved that all those involved with George at NARUC, whether attending or actively participating in NARUC's work, particularly over the past 25 years, wish George a very enjoyable retirement, particularly given his years of honest, frank, selfless, dedicated, and hard work on behalf of consumers and those utilities that serve consumers.

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