

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Ann Pongracz of Nevada

Whereas after earning her Bachelor of Arts in government from Harvard University (where she graduated *cum laude*), and her Juris Doctorate from Temple University, Chairwoman Ann Pongracz began her respected and spirited legal career as a law clerk for the Interstate Commerce Commission;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz continued her work in regulatory law and eventually became a director at Sprint, where she led teams representing Sprint before state and regulatory proceedings, state legislatures and local governments in 18 western states;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz thereafter served as special counsel for the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, where she headed the Nevada/Arizona/California legal team supporting enactment of the federal Hoover Allocation Act of 2011 and negotiated fifty-year federal and state Hoover power contracts;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“PUCN”) by a Republican (in 2016) and eventually named as Chairwoman by a Democrat (in 2019);

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz utilized her over thirty years of corporate and government agency experience in utility regulation, infrastructure and economic development, interconnection, pricing, renewables, resource planning, demand side management, and consumer protection to lead the PUCN in its efforts to effectuate legislative policy and help Nevada develop innovative ways to address both the short- and long-term needs of the State in an ever-evolving utility landscape;

Whereas through her involvement with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), the California Independent System Operator’s Energy Imbalance Market Body of State Regulators, and other regional entities, Chairwoman Pongracz has utilized her forward-thinking ways to help evolve the discussion regarding regionalization in the West;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz never misses an opportunity to send a calendar request for even the shortest of chats;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz is fearless in her communications with people she finds interesting, never afraid to pick up the phone and make a cold call to someone she has previously only met in passing;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz’s inviting demeanor makes it easy to count her as a friend, and there are many of us who do;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz has never turned down anyone seeking her help;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz’s temperament and thoughtfulness in the hearing room, her patience with and gratitude towards witnesses, her respect for those appearing before her, and, generally, the class and grace with which she handled her duties as Chairwoman will forever mark her time at the PUCN;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz, whose origin story began in Bethlehem, PA, and will continue in a bifurcated fashion between Las Vegas, NV, and Philadelphia, PA, is a considerate and trustworthy friend and confidant; the wisest of mentors; an unbelievable motivator of those seeking both her professional and personal counsel (of whom there are many); an adoring and loving mother and newlywed; and simply one of the most amazing people you could ever meet;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz's gamut of qualities also include, but are not limited to, her ability to persevere through any challenge, the integrity she displays in all facets of her life, the respect and kindness she shows similarly to friends and strangers alike, and her ability to not pass judgement and accept people for who they are and as she finds them;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz will probably unretire at some point and do something equally amazing as all of the other wonderful things she has done so far; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington DC, extends to Ann Pongracz gratitude and appreciation for her years of public service to the State of Nevada and for her innovative and prospective thinking on NARUC's Committee on Electricity, and memorializes here its best wishes for her future endeavors following her inevitable unretirement.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 12, 2020.