

Honorary Resolutions
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Resolution Honoring Commissioner Diane X. Burman

Whereas Diane X. Burman served as a Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission from July 2013 to April 2024;

Whereas Diane was nominated to the New York State Public Service Commission by Governor Andrew Cuomo and unanimously confirmed by the New York State Senate in June 2013, and renominated and again unanimously confirmed to another full six-year term concluding in February 2024;

Whereas Diane previously held the public service positions of Chief Counsel to the Majority Conference of the New York State Senate, Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the State Attorney General, Assistant Counsel at the New York State Department of Economic Development, Special Counsel to the Commission at the New York State Public Service Commission, Senior Court Attorney at the New York Supreme Court and Clerk at the Court of Appeals;

Whereas Diane also served in the non-profit sector serving in roles focused on helping those in her community, including as Assistant Executive Director of Albany Jewish Community Center, Executive Director of the New York State Parent Teacher Association and Director of Pro Bono for the New York State Bar Association;

Whereas Diane also served as an Adjunct Legal Instructor at both Adelphi University and Hofstra University where her students consistently gave rave ratings;

Whereas Diane continues to serve her state in the position of Assistant Counsel at the Office of the New York State Comptroller working on a diverse portfolio including corporate governance, compliance, finance, and other fiscal management services;

Whereas Diane served as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors, Chair and member of the Committee on Gas, member of the Washington Action Committee, member of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, Co-Vice Chair and member of the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity, member of the Committee on International Relations, member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Chair of the U.S. Department of Energy-NARUC Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership and its successor, the Natural Gas Partnership, member of the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning, and member of the Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Resilience – Subcommittee on Lessons Learned from COVID-19;

Whereas, in 2020 Diane received the NARUC “Terry Barnich” Annual Award for Promoting International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation and has committed herself to promoting regulatory good practices through her myriad of in-person and online trainings with international energy regulators in the Andes region, Argentina, Europe & Eurasia region, India, Mexico, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine and elsewhere around the world;

Whereas Diane dedicated her service on the New York State Public Service Commission to ensuring reliable, safe, secure, environmentally friendly access to energy and always doing so as a steward of her state's ratepayers;

Whereas Diane was an unapologetic economic regulator, who cared deeply about the importance of collaboration, honest substantive solution-focused discussions, and not shying away from the stickiness of well-meaning but perhaps difficult-to-implement policies in the regulatory space;

Whereas Diane was a thoughtful and engaged participant in many of NARUC's in-person and virtual educational programs, often serving as one of the most knowledgeable on the critical challenges facing the energy grid transition;

Whereas Diane has been an enthusiastic cheerleader of women and underrepresented constituencies in the energy profession, mentoring and offering advice and support to fellow commissioners, commission staff, NARUC staff, and others;

Whereas Diane not only generously shared her own expertise and suggestions but also always listened to the perspectives of others and worked hard to bring people together and make a positive difference;

Whereas Diane served as a member of the National Petroleum Council, GTI Energy's Public Interest Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair of the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Gas Policy Advisory Committee, member of PHMSA's Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee, Chair of PHMSA's Voluntary Information Sharing Working Group, and member of the U.S. Agency for International Development-NARUC Women Global Development and Prosperity Initiative;

Whereas Diane strongly promoted safe digging practices;

Whereas Diane completed a major life goal in November 2023 when she ran and completed the NYC Marathon as part of a Women & Allies in Energy charity team;

Whereas Diane has demonstrated her commitment to volunteer service through leadership roles with the Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation, New York State Bar Association, serving meals to the homebound, and volunteering at a local community soup kitchen, in addition to advisory and volunteer roles with the Greater Albany Chapter of the Women's Energy Network, Women in Energy and Communications in New York, and Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, New York; Whereas, in 2021, Diane was bestowed the highest honor from Congregation Beth Emeth, the Presidential Award, for her volunteer leadership role in successfully shepherding the Congregation through Covid under the auspices of the Beth Emeth Covid Special Task Force;

Whereas Diane earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Fordham University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Molloy College;

Whereas Diane “rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the citizens of the State of New York, earning the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues,” as written in New York Senate Resolution No. 2016; and

Whereas Diane has embodied and continues to reflect the true essence of public service; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Summer Policy Summit in Palm Beach, Florida extends its congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Diane X. Burman for her dedicated service to the national regulatory community and her continued personal and professional activities focused on making a positive difference.

*Passed by the Committee on International Relations and Committee on Gas
Adopted by the Board of Directors July 17, 2024*

***Resolution Honoring Kentucky Public Service Commission
Chairman Kent Chandler***

Whereas Kent A. Chandler was appointed to the Kentucky Public Service Commission by Governor Andy Beshear on July 6, 2020, designated as Chairman on August 3, 2021, and served until June 30, 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), served on the NARUC Board of Directors, was appointed to serve on the NARUC Executive Committee on March 20, 2023, and served as Co-Chair of the NARUC Electricity Committee;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Member Representatives Committee;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), and served as President of MACRUC from June 2023 to June 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler has been an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (SEARUC);

Whereas Chairman Chandler has ably represented Kentucky in the Organization of PJM States (OPSI) for the past four years, including serving as President of the OPSI Board from 2023–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler represented Kentucky in the Organization of MISO States (OMS) in 2021 and from 2022–2023;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served on the Advisory Board of the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri, serving on the Strategic Planning Committee from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler served as a member on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University from 2021–2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler contributed to high level discussions during the 16th EU-U.S. Roundtable in Vienna, Austria in April 2024;

Whereas Chairman Chandler was selected to participate in multiple Technical Conferences at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and regularly engaged with FERC Staff and Commissioners on matters of energy policy;

Whereas prior to his appointment as Commissioner at the Kentucky PSC, Chairman Chandler was appointed as the Executive Director of the Kentucky PSC, and prior to that served as an Executive Advisor at the Kentucky PSC;

Whereas prior to his service at the Kentucky PSC, Chairman Chandler served as an Assistant Attorney General in Kentucky, in the Office of Rate Intervention as a consumer advocate for ratepayers, where he also served on the executive committee of the Consumers of PJM States (CAPS);

Whereas Chairman Chandler holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Murray State University, a Juris Doctor from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, and earned an Executive Certificate in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School;

Whereas Chairman Chandler dedicated himself to constant further education and training to become an RTO and energy market expert to better advocate for Kentucky consumers in the organized electric markets of PJM and MISO;

Whereas Chairman Chandler never shied away from holding an evidentiary hearing or any line of questioning, nor from finishing said hearings close to midnight to avoid continuing the next day while keeping the hearing room absolutely frigid, and his willingness to continually ask hard questions was appreciated;

Whereas Chairman Chandler could not speak publicly without telling at least one self-deprecating joke and brought a relentless optimism to his work every day;

Whereas Chairman Chandler could not accept being a passenger figuratively or literally and insisted on driving everywhere;

Whereas Chairman Chandler sought out difference makers and resources at other state commissions and federal agencies to better his understanding, and he was in turn generous with his own precious little free time and would take phone calls and meetings from anyone who asked;

Whereas Chairman Chandler will be warmly remembered for his exemplary and diligent service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Summer Policy Summit, in Palm Beach Florida, congratulates Commissioner Emeritus and former Chairman Kent Chandler on his tenure at the Kentucky Public Service Commission, thanks him for his leadership, vision, and friendship, and wishes him the best in all his future endeavors.

Passed by Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARCU Board of Directors July 17, 2024.

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Anthony (Tony) O'Donnell

Whereas Anthony O'Donnell honorably served his country for over eight years in the United States Navy;

Whereas Tony worked for 15 years at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby, Maryland supporting safe, clean, and reliable nuclear power generation;

Whereas Delegate Anthony O'Donnell represented his fellow constituents of Calvert and St. Mary's counties in the Maryland General Assembly's House of Delegates for 21 years including as House Minority Whip, House Minority Leader, and Senior Minority Member of the Environment and Transportation Committee;

Whereas Tony was appointed to the Maryland Public Service Commission by Governor Larry Hogan in 2016 and reappointed in 2021;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell served the state of Maryland well with his tough and thoughtful questioning of the entities that appeared before him on numerous cases;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell fought for and represented the perspective of rural constituents and ratepayers overall during his tenure as a commissioner;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, a member of the Committee on Electricity, and as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC);

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell successfully promoted and improved the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal and Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, providing valuable insight and education to his fellow regulators to enrich their understanding of nuclear energy issues around the country;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell used his valuable experience and expertise in the nuclear industry to represent NARUC before the United States House of Representatives and Congress;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell helped create the DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell participated on the NARUC NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning on behalf of Maryland;

Whereas Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell has been a fixture at NARUC and MACRUC meetings, respected for his honesty and insights, and will be missed;

Whereas Tony retired from the Maryland Public Service Commission on June 1, 2024; *and*

Whereas Tony was the epitome of a dedicated public servant throughout his career, a person of great integrity, and someone who always fought for the people; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2024 Summer Policy Summit in Palm Beach, Florida, extends its retirement congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Tony O'Donnell for his dedicated service to the national regulatory community.

Passed by the Electricity Committee & Sponsored by the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal

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