

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner John B. Rhodes

Whereas, John B. Rhodes has served the citizens of the State of New York as Chair of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Service (DPS) since June 21, 2017, with great distinction; and previously served as President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, from September 2013 to June 2017;

Whereas, Chair Rhodes has put his extensive expertise to work for New Yorkers, drawing on more than three decades of experience in business with a focus on the financial and energy industries;

Whereas, the Commission, under the leadership of Chair Rhodes, has issued over 3,150 orders and guided the Department in the expansion of clean energy initiatives, helping to set the State on a path to achieve its nation-leading energy and climate goals, including authorization of programs designed to achieve 70 percent renewable electricity by 2030; 9,000 MW of offshore wind by 2035; 6,000 MW of distributed solar by 2025; and 3,000 MW of energy storage by 2030;

Whereas, Chair Rhodes has increased New Yorkers' access to clean distributed energy resources by establishing a compensation system based on the value the projects bring to society and the electric grid, updates to standardized interconnection requirements to make it easier for distributed generation to connect to the state's electric grid, and implementation of consolidated billing for community distributed generation customers; and

Whereas, the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, under the leadership of Chair Rhodes, has granted certificates for 11 large-scale renewable projects totaling over 1,400 MW of wind and nearly 200 MW of solar; and

Whereas, Chair Rhodes has been recognized for his leadership and commitment to clean energy and energy efficiency, as evidenced by being listed at the top of City & State's 2020 "Energy & Environment Power 100" for driving the energy debate and environmental policies in New York; and

Whereas, Chair Rhodes has demonstrated the utmost respect for his colleagues on the Commission, the staff of the Department, and the utility ratepayers of New York State; showing compassion and humility in his leadership; and

Whereas, Chair Rhodes has cultivated a culture of excellence, collegiality, and care in the Department by valuing staff and recognizing them for their positive contributions, including through establishing the TAKE CHARGE Guiding Principles initiative and placing an emphasis on continuous improvement, employee recognition and empowerment; and

Whereas, Chairman Rhodes was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, sitting on the Committee on Electricity; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened at its 2021 Summer Policy Summit in Denver, Colorado, congratulates Chair Rhodes on his successful tenure

at the New York Public Service Commission as demonstrated by his unwavering commitment to the mission of the Commission to ensure safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for all of New York's residential and business consumers, and the Board expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

Passed by the Committee on Electricity on July 19, 2021

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on July 21, 2021