

**HONORARY RESOLUTIONS**

**APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**AT THE**

**2015 WINTER MEETING**

**OF THE**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

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*EL-1 Resolution Honoring David C. Boyd of Minnesota*

**WHEREAS**, In 2007, an unassuming chemistry professor was yanked, Indiana Jones-like, from the gently ivied halls of the University of St. Thomas and given the mantle of the Chair of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, little realizing the adventures ahead of him; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Chair Boyd’s intellect, warmth, and zest for the unknown made him an easy mark for colleagues in search of chairs for sundry committees large and small; *and*

**WHEREAS**, These qualities drew David to NARUC’s Committee on Electricity, to leadership in the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues, the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition, the Subcommittee on Education and Research, the National Regulatory Research Institute, and eventually to the Chair of the Committee on Electricity, and in all of these capacities David led with vision, clarity of purpose, and a subtle twist of the arm; *and*

**WHEREAS**, David’s relentless willingness to say “yes” brought him quickly into the inner circle of the Organization of MISO States, the Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative, the Cost Allocation and Regional Planning Group, the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council, assuming significant leadership roles and achieving positive outcomes in each organization, developing a principle of “if it has an acronym, join it;” *and*

**WHEREAS**, These qualities also led to David’s readiness to undertake international exploits under the guise of the Black Sea Regulatory Initiative, the ERRA Investment Conference, Vice Chairman of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) and speaker at the Berlin Seminar on Energy Policy, leading his family to believe him to be an international man of mystery, seemingly supplying marshmallows to Moldova while jetting to hotspots across the globe (if they weren’t hotspots before his arrival, they were shortly after he arrived); *and*

**WHEREAS**, In reality David’s international service has produced demonstrable progress toward the goals of NARUC and USAID, and for which David was recognized with the 2013 Terry Barnich Award for Promoting International Cooperation Among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation; *and*

**WHEREAS**, These NARUC activities did not detract from David’s advancement of good regulation in Minnesota, offending utilities, landowners, transmission developers, and windfarm developers in equal measure; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2015 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., honors David Boyd on the completion of the regulatory phase of his public service, commends his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes him well in his next endeavors.

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***EL-3 Resolution Honoring the Career of Dr. Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary,  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission***

**WHEREAS**, Since 1984, Dr. Burl W. Haar has ably served the State of Minnesota and contributed more than thirty years of service, and served as Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission since December 1, 1993; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his service to the State, Dr. Haar has demonstrated the finest attributes of a public servant: integrity, service, technical expertise, open communication, sound judgment, skilled management, and the flexibility to adjust to continually changing circumstances; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar exemplifies the best qualities of an Executive Secretary by supporting each commissioner's effort to meaningfully participate in the work of the commission, by aiding their understanding of their role, and by treating each new member with respect; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar has shared his knowledge and expertise with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners by participating in many of its initiatives, including service on the Staff Subcommittees on Executive Directors and Education and Research, and as a member of the National Regulatory Research Institute Advisory Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar's understanding of and support for NARUC has enabled Minnesota's Commissioners to actively participate in and meaningfully contribute to NARUC; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar is held in high esteem for his contributions to the evolution of the Organization of MISO States and MISO, and to the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, clearly articulating the appropriate role of States in regional collaboration; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar has remained gracious, steadfast, and informed, even while the telecommunications, gas and electric industries have undergone profound changes; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Haar retired from his position on January 5, 2015, to devote additional effort to teaching and community engagement; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2015 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its grateful thanks to Dr. Haar for his years of service to the fair, effective regulation of public utilities and to the customers of those utilities, and wishes him a long, healthy, active retirement.

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