

Resolution on Increased Public Utility Commissions Participation in NERC's Standard Development Process

WHEREAS, A reliable supply of electricity is fundamental to provide for the general welfare of the public and for the well-being of the Nation's economy; *and*

WHEREAS, The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) is a nonprofit organization that hosts the development of standards for the reliable planning and operation of the North American bulk electric system using an American National Standards Institute accredited process; *and*

WHEREAS, The NERC reliability standards are developed through electric industry stakeholder participation and approved using a weighted segment voting process; *and*

WHEREAS, NERC's Registered Ballot Body has a voting segment designed expressly for State and other government agencies to participate in and vote on NERC reliability standards; *and*

WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Committee on Electricity support efforts to assure the reliability of our power supply and efforts to mitigate risk and vulnerability; *and*

WHEREAS, NARUC believes that the electric power industry, the federal governments of both the United States and Canada, the individual U.S. States and Canadian Provinces, and territories, have an obligation to assure that appropriate standards are instituted and maintained to assure the reliability of our power supply; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its July 2005 Summer Meetings in Austin, Texas, recommends public utility commissions participation in NERC's Standard Development Process; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC encourages State commissions to review and analyze pertinent draft NERC electric reliability standards, join the NERC Registered Ballot Body and actively participate in the development of and casting of informed votes on pertinent electric reliability standards applicable to the bulk electric system.

*Sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Committee on Electricity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 27, 2005*