

***Resolution of the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee  
To Honor Our Founding Chair, Colleague and Friend, Ms. Constance Welde,  
Delaware Public Service Commission***

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde has been a long-time staff employee of the Delaware Public Service Commission, now planning to retire from our rather arcane and esoteric world; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Constance Welde (hereinafter “Connie Welde”) and former Commissioner Connie Hughes from New Jersey (hereinafter “Connie #1”) (collectively, “the Two Connies”) were the Founding Organizers of the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde has long been an active and important advisor to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde was the Founding Chair of the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde provided the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee with invaluable assistance with the advice and support of the Delaware Public Service Commission; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde willingly and humbly shared her time, talents, and administrative expertise in crafting the ground rules and traditions of our MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde has long been recognized as our trusted, confidential, and valuable mentor on the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde always provided a gentle, observant, and keen understanding of the telecommunications issues facing the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde’s intelligence, reasonableness, openness, and unquestioned ability to retrieve documentation on MACRUC organizational activities and her institutional memory remain the standard to guide her successors; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde often convinced her colleagues in the MACRUC States to consider her suggestions and opinions to create a consensus document that everyone could support; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Connie Welde always represented, and continues to represent, the very best traditions of the State of Delaware in general and the Delaware Public Service Commission staff in particular; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the attesting signatories from the MACRUC Staff Telecommunications Staff Committee support, yet regret Connie Welde's decision to leave MACRUC as part of her retirement future; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That the members of the MACRUC Staff Telecommunications Committee formally thank Connie Welde for her efforts including, but not limited to, those set forth in this resolution; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That Connie Welde became a Member Emeritus of the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee with all rights and privileges thereunto pertaining including, but not limited to, voluntary participation in staff committee proceedings; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That this resolution be adopted and circulated to the MACRUC Commissioners for further disposition, that a copy be forwarded to the Delaware Public Service Public Service Commission and Staff, and that this resolution be forever recorded in the record of the Final Resolutions Archives of the MACRUC Telecommunications Staff Committee; *and be it*

**ENACTED and PROMULGATED**, On this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2007, completely by surprise, at the MACRUC Staff Committee Retreat, Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, D.C.

***ATTESTING SIGNATORIES:***

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