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## SECTION VII - CONSERVATION

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- \* Supporting the conservation concepts contained in the following resolution proposals to be considered at the Ninety-Sixth Annual Convention of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners - Adopted November 28, 1984.
- \* Supporting energy efficiency and conservation through the implementation of a national appliance efficiency standards program - Adopted November 18, 1985 in New York, N.Y.
- \* Urging Congress to enact legislation to encourage conservation by providing incentives for least cost utility planning and supporting reinstatement of the federal energy tax credit for solar, geothermal and energy conservation - Adopted May 30, 1986 in Savannah, GA.
- \* Urging Early Reauthorization of Fiscal Year 87 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Adopted May 30, 1986 in Savannah, GA.
- \* Supporting Energy Efficiency and Conservation Through the Reintroduction and Implementation of the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act - Adopted November 15, 1986 in Sedona, Az.
- \* Endorsing H.R. 1216 and S. 435, the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Competitiveness Act of 1989 - Adopted June 16, 1989 in Columbus, OH.
- \* Endorsing the State Energy Conservation Programs Improvement Act of 1989 (H.R. 711 and S. 247) - Adopted June 16, 1989 in Columbus, OH.
- \* Endorsing H.R. 4249 and S.2312, Amending the Internal Revenue Code to Exclude from Gross Income the Payments Made by Utilities to Consumers for the Cost of Conservation Measures - Adopted June 15, 1990 in Santa Fe, N.M.
- \* Endorsing Increased Federal Funding of Energy Conservation and the Adoption of the Alternative Conservation Budget of the Energy Conservation Coalition - Adopted June 15, 1990 in Santa Fe, N.M.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES**

**RESOLUTION**

Supporting the conservation concepts contained in the following resolution proposals to be considered at the Ninety-Sixth Annual Convention of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Convention Resolution No. 4 -  
Resolution Establishing the  
Committee on Energy Conservation.

Convention Resolution No. 5 -  
Resolution Supporting the Adoption  
of National Energy Goals.

Convention Resolution No. 6-  
Resolution Supporting the Adoption  
of State Energy Goals.

Convention Resolution No. 7-  
Resolution Supporting Adoption by  
State and Federal Regulatory  
Commissions of a Policy Mandating  
Electric and Gas Utilities to  
Develop and Submit for Approval  
Least-Cost Resource Plans.

**WHEREAS,** cost effective energy conservation, as a recognized national goal, will continue to contribute to the efficient consumption of non-renewable energy resources; and

**WHEREAS,** national imperatives indicate there is a need for rededication to energy conservation and for renewed vigor in pursuing national conservation policy; and

**WHEREAS,** the increase in energy prices has a major adverse impact on the Nation's citizens and its economy; and

**WHEREAS,** it is imperative the Nation exert more control over its energy future and acknowledge its inherent uncertainties; and

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energy supply and to avoid unnecessary and  
wasteful consumption; and

WHEREAS, conservation can reduce growth in energy demand  
and thus reduce the need for the construction of  
new electric facilities; and

WHEREAS, conservation should be viewed by utilities as an  
alternative to new supply options; and

WHEREAS, the above are incorporated into Convention  
Resolutions No. 4, 5, 6, and 7;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASUCA supports these conservation  
concepts and supports the passage of these  
resolutions by NARUC at its Ninety-Sixth Annual  
Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Association of State  
Utility Consumer Advocates authorizes the  
Executive Committee to develop specific positions  
consistent with the terms of the resolution on a  
legislative bill, regulation, or any other type  
of proposal that concerns the subject matter of  
this Resolution including the preparation of a  
policy paper reflecting NASUCA's position which  
shall be filed with the United States Congress.  
The Executive Committee shall advise the  
membership of any other proposed action prior to  
taking such action, if possible. In any event,  
the Executive Committee shall notify the  
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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES**

Urging Congress to enact legislation to encourage conservation by providing incentives for least cost utility planning and supporting reinstatement of the federal energy tax credit for solar, geothermal and energy conservation

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary that demand and supply planning be fully integrated to ensure that resources are used prudently and that our nation's energy needs are met at the least possible cost;

**WHEREAS,** a least cost approach is one which maintains that electric and gas utilities should provide energy services to their customers at the lowest practical life-cycle cost, treating investments in supply and end-use efficiency on a balanced basis;

**WHEREAS,** a comprehensive least cost strategy should bring together:

- \*Statutory incentives;
- \*Public utility conservation programs;
- \*Rate design alternatives;
- \*Load management techniques;
- \*Minimum building and appliance efficiency standards and labeling of same;
- \*Cogeneration and small power production;
- \*Improved data collection and forecasting;
- \*Innovative ratemaking approaches; and,
- \*Any other actions established by the regulatory authority to foster conservation and efficient energy consumption.

**WHEREAS,** the Energy Tax Act of 1978 encouraged energy conservation by giving federal tax credits to residential utility consumers for expenditures pertaining to installation of renewable energy sources, energy conservation, and weatherization devices;

**WHEREAS,** residential sector installation of energy saving devices together with overall least cost planning could in time reduce energy demand, and decrease household utility bills;

**WHEREAS,** the long-term consequences of actions to foster conservation and least cost planning will allow utilities to defer or cancel construction of new power plants and mitigate the rate shock associated with new plants coming into service;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) supports congressional actions to encourage conservation and provide incentives for least cost planning and urges Congress to immediately reinstate the federal energy tax credit, thereby fostering efficient use of our nation's energy supplies and exerting more control over our energy future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) authorizes the Executive Committee to develop positions and take actions pursuant to the contents of this resolution. The Executive Committee shall inform the membership of such positions and actions, prior to proceeding with them, if at all possible. In any event, the Executive Committee will advise the membership of any actions taken consistent with the recommendations contained herein.

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RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

Urging Early Reauthorization of Fiscal  
Year 87 Appropriations for the U. S.  
Department of Health and Human Services'  
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
Program (LIHEAP)

- WHEREAS, LIHEAP is targeted toward reducing the burden of high utility bills on low-income persons including the elderly and handicapped;
- WHEREAS, historical funding levels for LIHEAP have fallen short of the program's need in that recipients on average are provided only enough to cover approximately 45% of their heating bills;
- WHEREAS, as public utility consumer advocates, NASUCA members are acutely and continuously aware of the burden that increasing fuel costs impose on consumers, especially the poor, many of which are elderly;
- WHEREAS, the overall reduction in the Nation's public assistance benefits further exacerbates the problem of rising gas and electricity costs;
- WHEREAS, this results in the unenviable dilemma of less income and higher utility bills which causes many low-income consumers to become delinquent in their payments;
- WHEREAS, delayed payments often require that other utility ratepayers absorb increases in a utility's cost of serving its customers, making the issue of energy assistance a concern for all ratepayers;
- WHEREAS, inability of low-income persons to pay their utility bills results in large numbers of disconnections of vital gas and electric service, posing a threat to public health and safety which must be addressed;
- WHEREAS, low-income consumers tend to live in housing which is not properly weatherized leading to excessive energy consumption;
- WHEREAS, the LIHEAP allotment should comprise both a bill subsidy and weatherization assistance program, with a provision for state and local discretion as to the appropriate allotment for each component;
- WHEREAS, conservation benefits the consumer, energy suppliers and the country as a whole;

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and Human Services' Low-Income Home  
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WHEREAS, the amount of funds authorized for LIHEAP remained constant at \$2.1 billion for FY 85 and 86 but were subsequently reduced by Gramm-Rudman budget cuts;

WHEREAS, in FY 87 the Administration is proposing a freeze at \$2.1 billion;

WHEREAS, the Administration's proposal includes no provision for the effects of inflation meaning that in real terms less money will be available to serve the same number of recipients;

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) opposes any proposal which would utilize the Petroleum Overcharge Restitution Fund to supplant congressional appropriations for LIHEAP;

WHEREAS, if the oil overcharge monies are used as a funding source, recipient needs dictate that it be used to supplement rather than supplant congressional appropriations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) urges Congress to appropriate \$2.5 billion for the LIHEAP program and that state and local governments be afforded greater discretion to apportion these funds between bill subsidization and weatherization; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) authorizes the Executive Committee to develop positions and take actions pursuant to the contents of this resolution. The Executive Committee shall inform the membership of such positions and actions, prior to proceeding with them, if at all possible. In any event, the Executive Committee will advise the membership of any actions taken consistent with the recommendations contained herein.

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

## RESOLUTION

Supporting energy efficiency and conservation through the implementation of a national appliance efficiency standards program.

- WHEREAS, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) strongly supports conservation efforts that will allow consumers to take control of their energy future;
- WHEREAS, American manufacturers should be encouraged to produce new energy efficient product lines;
- WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE) has adopted a "no standards standard" for appliance efficiency which pre-empts the states from establishing their own standards;
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has rejected the DOE standards and suggested by 1988 that DOE should establish a real standard;
- WHEREAS, the adoption of national appliance efficiency standards would encourage efficient energy usage, thus reducing the need for expensive generating facilities;
- WHEREAS, Congress should urge the adoption of a energy conservation program for consumer products to encourage the development and sale of more energy efficient appliances;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) strongly supports national and state energy policies which encourage energy efficiency and conservation through the implementation of a national appliance efficiency standards program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) authorizes the Executive Committee to adopt positions and take positions consistent with the contents herein. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any proposed action prior to taking such action, if at all possible.

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and Conservation Through the  
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Appliance Energy Conservation Act)

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reintroduce and pass this important piece of legisla-  
tion, and further urges President Ronald Reagan to sign  
this legislation into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of State  
Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) authorizes its  
Executive Committee to develop specific positions on  
any legislative bill, rule or any other kind of  
proposal consistent with the provisions herein. The  
Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any  
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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

## RESOLUTION

Supporting Energy Efficiency and Conservation  
Through the Reintroduction and Implementation  
of the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act

- WHEREAS, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act has been passed with substantial bi-partisan support by both Houses of the United States Congress;
- WHEREAS, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act was effectively vetoed by President Ronald Reagan due to his refusal to sign it and to the recess of the Congress;
- WHEREAS, enacting into law the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act would effectively reduce energy usage in the nation;
- WHEREAS, the reduction of energy usage would allow utilities to defer or cancel construction of expensive new power plants, thus saving consumers money;
- WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (D.O.E.) has adopted a "no standards standard" for appliance efficiency which preempts the states from establishing their own standards;
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has rejected the D.O.E. standards and suggested that D.O.E., by 1988, should establish a real standard;
- WHEREAS, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act would set specific energy conservation standards for major home appliances;
- WHEREAS, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act would benefit appliance manufacturers who agree that national standards will be less costly than a proliferation of differing state standards;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates recognizes that the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act is beneficial to utility companies, state utility regulators, appliance manufacturers and utility consumers, urges Congress to

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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

## RESOLUTION

Endorsing H.R. 1216 and S. 435,  
the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency  
Technology Competitiveness Act of 1989

- WHEREAS, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) is on record as supporting energy conservation as a way of reducing residential utility bills, and
- WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy reduces U.S. dependence on foreign oil and on non renewable fossil and fission sources of energy; and
- WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies contribute less to environmental degradation than other energy sources; and
- WHEREAS, it is estimated that the U.S. could realistically save half of what it currently spends on its collective energy bills through energy efficiency; and
- WHEREAS, some energy efficiency measures and renewable technologies require further research, development and commercialization in order to better achieve the savings and energy independence Americans deserve; and
- WHEREAS, funding for such programs has dwindled throughout the past eight years causing a halt in the efficiency gains made through projects funded during the 1970's; and
- WHEREAS, the neglect of these programs during the past eight years has reduced the United States' ability to compete with other countries in developing technologies, product market competitiveness, market share and energy savings; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of S. 435 and H.R. 1216 is to improve the competitiveness of U.S. industries that produce renewable energy and energy efficiency technology; and
- WHEREAS, S. 435 and H.R. 1216 establish performance goals for federal renewable energy research, development and demonstration (RD&D) programs to provide a yardstick against which progress can be measured;

WHEREAS, these measures authorize funding levels for renewable energy and energy efficiency RD&D on a multi-year basis necessary to provide stability in these programs; and

WHEREAS, these measures require the Department of Energy to present to Congress proposals for demonstrating the commercial application of the most promising of these technologies so that the fruits of research can be more successfully translated into competitively priced, marketable products;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates supports S. 435 and H.R. 1216, the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Act of 1989.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of the resolution on a legislative bill, regulation, or any other type of proposal that concerns the subject of this resolution including the preparation of policy papers and othe communications reflecting NASUCA's position to the United States Congress. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any other proposed actions prior to taking this action, if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action under this provision.

Approved by NASUCA:

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June 16, 1989

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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

## RESOLUTION

Endorsing the State Energy Conservation Programs  
Improvement Act of 1989 (H.R. 711 and S. 247)

- WHEREAS, The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) is on record as longstanding proponents of energy conservation programs;
- WHEREAS, H.R. 711 and S. 247:
- o require states to set goals for reducing energy consumption by ten percent by the year 2000;
  - o provide greater flexibility for the Weatherization Program to perform furnace repairs and tune-up which are often the most cost effective conservation measures for low-income housing;
  - o encourages states to develop innovative methods for financing energy efficiency in buildings; and
  - o provides additional financial support for federally funded state and locally administer conservation
- WHEREAS, NASUCA recognizes that there is a need to review and update federal programs addressing state and local energy conservation, since these programs have been in existence for many years and in consideration of emerging environmental problems;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates continues its commitment to energy conservation by endorsing the State Energy Conservation Programs Improvement Act of 1989 (H.R. 711 and S. 247)
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of the resolution on a legislative bill, regulation, or any other type of proposal that concerns the subject of this resolution including the preparation of policy papers and other communications



reflecting NASUCA's position to the United States Congress. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any other proposed actions prior to taking this action, if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action under this provision.

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Columbus, Ohio  
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June 16, 1989  
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

RESOLUTION

Endorsing H.R. 4249 and S.2312, Amending the Internal Revenue Code to Exclude from Gross Income the Payments Made by Utilities to Consumers for the Cost of Conservation Measures

- WHEREAS, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA") supports energy conservation as a way of reducing utility bills in a manner which is consistent with least cost planning principles, and
- WHEREAS, energy conservation provides an effective means of reducing the environmental harms and dangers which are associated in varying degrees with all forms of utility generation, and
- WHEREAS, utility rebates and other cash payments to customers have been shown to be an effective method of encouraging cost-effective conservation measures, and
- WHEREAS, Section 8217(i) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978, which provided a tax exemption for conservation rebates to residential customers, expired in July of 1989, and
- WHEREAS, Representative Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut and Senator Steve Symms of Idaho have introduced legislation, H.R. 4249 and S.2312, which would reinstate the conservation tax exemption for residential customers and would extend this exemption to commercial and industrial customers as well, and
- WHEREAS, Significant energy savings and environmental benefits can be obtained through the implementation of this proposed tax policy;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NASUCA continues its commitment to energy conservation by endorsing the conservation rebate tax exemption set forth in H.R. 4249 and S.2312, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASUCA authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of this Resolution and to provide assistance to Congress in its deliberations on this important consumer matter. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any proposed action prior to taking such action if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action taken pursuant to this provision.

Approved by NASUCA:

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
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June 15, 1990  
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NASUCA Electric Committee

May 14, 1990  
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES  
RESOLUTION

**Endorsing Increased Federal Funding of Energy Conservation  
and the Adoption of the Alternative Conservation Budget  
of the Energy Conservation Coalition**

- WHEREAS, The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA") supports energy conservation as a way of reducing utility bills in a manner which is consistent with least-cost planning principles, and
- WHEREAS, energy conservation provides an effective means of reducing the environmental harms and dangers which are associated in varying degrees with all forms of utility generation, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Energy's ("DOE") Energy Conservation Research and Development ("R&D") and State and Local Assistance programs have made a substantial contribution to increased energy efficiency in the United States, and
- WHEREAS, despite the substantial benefits of federally supported energy conservation programs, the DOE budget for energy conservation programs has been substantially reduced since 1980, and
- WHEREAS, DOE's proposed budget of \$212.6 million for conservation programs for Fiscal Year 1991 is insufficient in light of the substantial economic and environmental benefits that can be obtained through greater reliance on energy conservation and efficiency technologies, and
- WHEREAS, the Energy Conservation Coalition has proposed an Alternative Conservation Budget for DOE, which would include increased funding for Conservation R&D and State and Local Assistance Programs, and
- WHEREAS, the Energy Conservation Coalition has proposed an Alternative Conservation Budget for DOE of \$579 million in Fiscal Year 1991, \$685 million in Fiscal Year 1992, and \$820 million in Fiscal Year 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Conservation Budget proposed by the Energy Conservation Coalition is consistent with NASUCA's long-held position regarding energy conservation and has been endorsed by numerous regulatory, consumer and environmental organizations, including the Environmental Action Foundation, the Consumer Federation of America, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NASUCA endorses the Alternative Conservation Budget proposed by the Energy Conservation Coalition for Fiscal Year 1991, 1992, and 1993 and will continue such endorsements in future years to the extent that such alternative budgets are consistent with NASUCA's commitment to energy conservation principles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASUCA authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of this Resolution and to provide assistance to Congress in its deliberations on this important consumer matter. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any proposed action prior to taking such action if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action taken pursuant to this provision.

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