



RESOLUTION 33-2

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RENEWABLE ENERGY

WHEREAS the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers share a long history of cooperation on economic development, energy trade and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS the New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces have vast renewable resource potential, including significant hydropower, tidal and wind power resources; and

WHEREAS the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers have directed the Northeast International Committee on Energy (NICE) to quantify the electric capacity needs for the region as a whole and the total quantity of existing and new renewable resources as well as the quantity available for trade in the region; to evaluate seams issues that inhibit the cost-effective transmission of electricity across the region; and to explore actions to ease integration of intermittent resources across the region to expand the amount of renewable power; and

WHEREAS the development of renewable resources and related infrastructure within the region can be accomplished at a lower price to consumers than proposals to bring renewable power from outside the region; and

WHEREAS these in-region and near-region resources would generally enhance our region's economy through jobs, tax revenues and other associated development benefits; and

WHEREAS the maximization of cost-effective, low-carbon renewable resources will help to achieve our regional and national goals to lower our greenhouse gas emissions from electric generation at the lowest possible cost to consumers; and

WHEREAS the New England Governors have completed a regional *Renewable Energy Blueprint* that identifies substantial potential for competitively-priced renewable resources within New England, and notes the availability of additional renewable resource potential in Eastern Canada; and

WHEREAS each jurisdiction party to this Resolution fully respects the ability of each jurisdiction to pursue, fund and develop energy projects within its boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers pledge to work cooperatively to enhance opportunities for the development of cost-effective renewable resources within the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the region's significant renewable resource assets could help reduce the cost of reaching regional and national GHG reduction targets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers agree that hydroelectricity is a renewable energy source and should be recognized as such in federal legislation in Canada and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New England states will continue to work together to explore opportunities for coordinating state siting processes for interstate transmission proposals without any weakening of environmental standards and safeguards; and

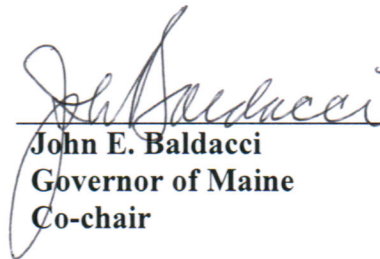
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers wish to provide clarity to renewable energy producers and through the NICE, will initiate a meaningful dialogue between the states and provinces on the types of contract structures, pricing mechanisms and regulatory approvals that may offer the best opportunities for success in the New England and Eastern Canadian electricity marketplaces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this dialogue will consider potential terms and conditions for the procurement of regional power and a sample regional *Request for Proposal* for the procurement of renewable power (including energy, capacity, reserves, etc.) that could serve as a model for future solicitations.

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